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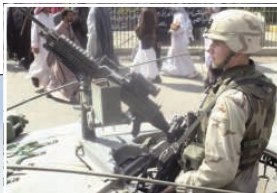


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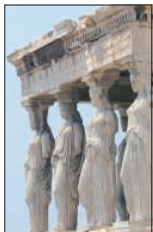
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H.D. Smith Barracks dominate both Baumholder's otherwise rural setting and its financial health. Adolf Hitler created the base amid the hills of Rheinland-Palatinate because of the area's sparse population, thick forests, rough terrain and harsh winters, making it a perfect training ground. Inset: A 1st AD soldier guards a meeting of sheiks in downtown Baghdad last summer about three months after the division arrived in Iraq for a 15-month rotation. Now, 1st AD soldiers may be moving out of Baumholder if the base is emptied as part of the Defense Department's global repositioning of U.S. troops.

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## States

**Catholic church settlements:** A recent court ruling is casting doubt on future settlements between churches and alleged victims of clergy sex abuse.

Hamden Superior Court Judge John Agostini last week upheld the state's charitable immunity statute in a lawsuit filed by a woman who was suing the Worcester Diocese for abuse.

The law says charitable institutions — including churches — are shielded from prosecution for alleged crimes that happened before 1971. The law also limits the institutions' liability to \$20,000 after that date.

**WTC American flag:** An American flag that flew over the post office across from the World Trade Center was returned to Ground Zero on Thursday during a rededication ceremony for the newly restored post office.

The flag, which was found in the rubble of the trade center after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack, will be mounted in the lobby of the post office at 90 Church St. as a memorial. "This flag, covered with the dust and debris, became a symbol of hope — hope that this building would one day be restored to service — and hope that the people of New York and this nation would also be restored," said Postmaster General John Potter.

**National D-Day Memorial:** The official who raised money to build the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford pleaded not guilty Thursday to federal fraud charges.

Richard B. Burrow, 57, is accused of manipulating banks and the state of Virginia as part of an aggressive scheme to build the \$25 million monument before its supervising foundation had enough money to pay for it.

The memorial already was in debt before President Bush helped dedicate it on July 6, 2001, the 57th anniversary of the Allied invasion of Normandy during World War II. In the following months Burrow stepped down, and foundation officials acknowledged they owed \$7 million.

**Courtney Love cases:** Courtney Love pleaded innocent Friday

to a felony assault charge for allegedly attacking a woman with a liquor bottle at her ex-boyfriend's home in April.

The mercurial rocker, wearing a long black dress, was composed in court, responding to Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Dennis Mulcahy's questions with "yes" or "no." Outside, she appeared shaken while talking with reporters.

A preliminary hearing was set for Oct. 7.

**Abandonment case:** U.S. State Department officials learned that seven American children had been abandoned at a Nigerian orphanage but waited more than a week to check on the youths, who were suffering from malnutrition, malaria and typhoid.

A person whom the State Department would only identify as a "local contact" in Nigeria told the consulate in Lagos about the children on July 30.

But a consular official said the children for the first time on Aug. 7.

State Department spokeswoman Kelly Shannahan said she did not know why it took so long for a consular official to personally check the Nigerian government's assurances that the three boys and four girls were safe and well cared for.

**Nader's candidacy:** Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader suffered set-



**Mars rovers:** A view from one of the two rovers exploring the planet Mars is shown during a news conference on the latest findings at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. After spending 160 days traversing a plain and climbing a steep hill, the Mars explorer Spirit is finding the first strong indications of significant quantities of water at Meridiani Planum. Spirit's twin, Opportunity, has found powerful evidence of water halfway around Mars in Gusev Crater, but until now Spirit has had less success.

backs this week as election officials in Virginia, Maryland, Illinois and Missouri all denied him access to state ballots this fall.

In each case, officials said Nader campaign workers either did not submit enough valid signatures on ballot petitions or failed to follow proper procedures.

On Friday, Virginia's election board secretary, Jean Jensen, said Nader workers failed to meet state requirements that the signatures be grouped according to congressional district, and then by localities within each of the 11 districts.

**Pakistani immigration case:** The immigration case against a Pakistani citizen arrested by a police officer who spotted him videotaping uptown Charlotte skyscrapers could go before a federal grand jury Monday.

An attorney for Kamran Akhtar, George Miller, had until Friday to request a probable cause hearing for his client on immigration charges.

Miller did not request such a hearing, said Suellen Pierce, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office. Miller did not return a telephone message left at his office Friday.

The next step for prosecutors is to present the case to a grand jury, Pierce said.

## Business

**Enron trials:** Enron founder Kenneth Lay doesn't want to go to trial alongside his one-time protégé, former CEO Jeffrey Skilling.

The feeling is mutual. Both argue in court filings — Skilling in papers filed Friday, Lay last week — that the allegations against them threaten if at all, so they should be tried separately.

The government wants to try them and the third co-defendant in their pending indictment, former Enron chief accounting officer Richard Causey, together in March next year. Lay wants a trial as soon as possible, and Skilling and Causey want another year and a half to prepare.

## World

**Pinochet secret account:** A Chilean judge has questioned Gen. Augusto Pinochet about the former dictator's secret bank account in the United States contain-

ing as much as \$8 million, judicial officials said Friday.

Pinochet, 88, answered questions during an appearance last week before the judge investigating the source of the money, said a court official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The questioning came two weeks after Pinochet's wife, two daughters and a son also appeared before the judge as part of an investigation prompted by a U.S. Senate investigation that revealed Pinochet kept accounts at Washington D.C.-based Riggs Bank.

**Bobby Fischer case:** A Japanese court dismissed a request to halt deportation proceedings against fugitive chess legend Bobby Fischer, his lawyers said Friday.

Fischer, wanted in the United States for allegedly violating international sanctions on the former Yugoslavia, was detained in Japan last month when trying to travel on an invalid American passport. He has been battling a deportation order to the United States.

The Tokyo District Court rejected the request to have Japanese immigration officials halt procedures to deport him, his legal team said in a faxed statement late Friday.

**Congo war crimes:** Leaders of a Burundi rebel group have said they are ready to defend themselves in an international court against war crimes charges after taking responsibility for the massacre of 163 refugees.

The spokesman for the National Liberation Force, Pasteur Habimana, continued to claim responsibility for the massacre of the Congolese Tutsis, who were living in a U.N. camp inside Burundi.

The rebels claim the camp was used to house Congolese Tutsi fighters.

**Asian bird flu:** Malaysian officials on Saturday were testing four people — three from a village hit by the deadly H5N1 bird flu strain — after international health officials warned that the virus appeared to be entrenched in parts of Southeast Asia.

Chinese researchers said Friday they had discovered the virulent strain of the disease in pigs, and authorities in northern Thailand reported a new outbreak in ducks.

Stories and photos from wire services



U.S. Army soldiers jump through a wall coming out of the ancient cemetery during a gun battle with insurgents in Najaf, Iraq, on Saturday. Despite a recent effort to end the crisis, fighting still continues in the city.

## Militants hold fast in Najaf

### Al-Sadr's rebels bicker over terms of shrine transfer

BY ABDUL HUSSEIN  
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The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — Militants loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr kept their hold on a revered shrine Saturday as they bickered over the terms of its transfer to religious authorities, further prolonging more than two weeks of fighting with U.S. forces here.

As the crisis persisted, brief but heavy clashes broke out near the Old City and Najaf's vast cemetery, the center of much of the previous violence. Witnesses said a blast hit the street more than 50 yards from the sacred Imam Ali Shrine compound. The cause of the explosion was not clear.

The clashes, punctuated by gunfire and explosions, lasted about 45 minutes before petering out. Marine Capt. Carrie Bateson said U.S. troops came under mortar attack in the Old City and destroyed two militant mortar positions with gunfire and an Apache helicopter attack.

Still, the level of fighting in the city in recent days — as the militants made moves to end the crisis — was far less than it had been.

Meanwhile, a series of attacks targeting U.S. and Iraqi forces throughout Iraq on Saturday killed a U.S. soldier, a Polish soldier and five Iraqis. Militants have been using car bombs, assassinations, sabotage, kidnappings and other attacks in a 16-month insurgency aimed at destabilizing the country.

But the violence in Najaf, which had spread to other Shiite communities, posed the greatest risk to the interim government of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi. Government officials had threatened to raid the mosque to set an example to other insurgent groups, but

such an operation risked turning the nation's majority Shiites against the government.

The crisis appeared on the verge of resolution Friday, when insurgents decided to remove their weapons from the shrine, where they had been taking refuge, and turn the holy site over to representatives of Iraq's top Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Hussein al-Sistani.

But the transfer bogged down Saturday amid arguments over its implementation; al-Sadr aides

**"All parties  
are stalling."**

**Saeed Mohammed**  
Najaf resident

said they tried to give the shrine's keys to al-Sistani's representatives, who refused to accept them.

"If the brothers in the office of al-Sadr want to vacate the holy shrine compound and close the doors and hand over the keys, then the office of the religious authority in Najaf will take the keys for safekeeping until the crisis ends," Sheikh Hamed Khafai, an al-Sistani aide, said from London, where the cleric is undergoing medical treatment. "We cannot receive the shrine compound unless they agree to this formula."

Sheik Ali Smeisim, al-Sadr's chief lieutenant, said the militants would not leave until a delegation from al-Sistani's office inspects the shrine to ensure its treasures are intact, so they could not be accused of taking anything.

Khafai said the violence precludes such a delegation.

The standoff has frustrated many in Najaf, who have suffered cuts in their water and electricity, had their streets rocked by explosions and seen scores of their in-

nocent neighbors killed since the fighting started Aug. 5.

"All parties are stalling," said Saeed Mohammed, 41. "There has been no change, only more shelling and clashes that have hurt the city even more."

The proposed handover of the shrine to religious authorities offered a face-saving way to end the fighting, allowing Iraq's interim government to keep its pledge not to negotiate and the militants to say they had not capitulated.

As the crisis continued, al-Sadr aide Sheikh Awas al-Khafaji said Saturday that kidnappers had lifted their threat to kill a U.S. journalist abducted in the southern city of Nasiriyah along with his Iraqi translator Aug. 13.

The kidnappers, calling themselves the Martyrs Brigade, threatened Thursday to kill Micah Garen of New York within 48 hours if U.S. troops did not leave Najaf.

Al-Khafaji said Saturday that mediators told him the death threat had been removed and they were working for Garen's release.

"We hope that he will be released today and our efforts would be fruitful," he said Saturday. "As for the Iraqi translator, we have received assurances that he is going to be released with the journalist."

Violence continued across the country.

Insurgents bombed an oil pipeline in Berjisiya, 20 miles southwest of the southern city of Basra on Saturday, setting it ablaze, said Lt. Mohammed al-Mousawi of the Iraqi National Guard.

The pipeline, which connects the Rumaila oilfields with export storage tanks in the Faw peninsula, had been shut down for a week due to threats from insurgents, and the attack did not appear likely to effect exports.

## Union urges U.N. staff to withdraw from Afghanistan

### Recent attacks lead to safety concerns

BY EDITH M. LEDERER

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The bombing of a U.N. election office in Afghanistan that injured six policemen drew calls from a U.N. union Friday that the world body consider withdrawing staffers from the embattled nation.

The Staff Union urged for a security review and revamped safety measures for Afghanistan-based U.N. personnel, saying, "The safety of staff remains the highest priority."

"As we approach the election time, more than likely attacks will intensify," said Guy Candusso, the union's vice-president.

"We think the U.N. should consider suspending operations and rethink security before moving into the next critical phase of the election process."

The union noted that other recent attacks on election workers have highlighted the dangers. U.N. chief Kofi Annan said this week that violence has increased since being aimed at U.N. staff and offices in Afghanistan.

Afghan voters are scheduled to elect a president on Oct. 9 and a parliament in April.

U.N. associate spokesman Stephane Djarric, asked about a possible staff withdrawal from Afghanistan, said a U.N. security assistance mission recently returned from the country with specific recommendations which have been approved and are in

the process of being implemented.

"The overall security in Afghanistan is in the process of being upgraded, both on a management and operational level," he said.

"Obviously, security is being examined on a daily basis in the country's different regions. And as in every mission, we have to tailor our activities to the security conditions."

In the latest attack targeting election workers, a series of bombs went off Thursday at a U.N. voter registration office in Farah City in western Afghanistan, near the border with Iraq. Six policemen were injured, two seriously, and vehicles were set ablaze and windows shattered.

Police have detained four security guards, two Afghans working for the United Nations, and a U.N. security guard for questioning.

It was not clear who was behind the attack.

Taliban militants have been blamed for a series of attacks on workers preparing the country for its first presidential vote.

The blasts occurred on the first anniversary of the bombing at U.N. headquarters in Kabul, which killed 22 people, including top U.N. envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello. That attack, and the subsequent investigation that criticized a "dysfunctional" security management system, has led to a major overhaul and rethinking of U.N. security worldwide.

Associated Press Writers Nor Kohr and Paul Taylor in Afghanistan contributed to this report.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 949 U.S. service-members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 708 died as a result of hostile action and 241 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, nine; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 811 U.S. servicemen have died — 599 as a result of hostile action and 212 of non-hostile causes.

The latest deaths reported by military:

■ A Marine was killed in action Thursday in Anbar province.

■ A U.S. soldier was killed Thursday by a roadside bomb in Samarra.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defense:

■ Army Spc. Jacob D. Martin, 21, Norwich, Conn.; died Wednesday in Sadr City when his patrol came under fire, assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Marine Lance Plt. Caleb J. Powers, 21, Manfield, Wash.; killed Tuesday in Anbar province; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Lance Plt. Dustin R. Fitzgerald, 22, Huber Heights, Ohio; died Wednesday in a nonhostile related vehicle incident in Anbar province; assigned to 2nd Battalion, Landing Team 4, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

■ Marine Sgt. Harvey E. Parkerson III, 27, Yuba City, Calif.; killed Wednesday in Anbar province; assigned to Battalion Landing Team 4, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

# Army determining new Afghanistan tactics

## Trainers trying to anticipate future conditions for troops

BY JON R. ANDERSON  
Stars and Stripes

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — Top-level Army trainers are trying to look into a crystal ball to create a work-up package for troops headed to an Afghanistan that doesn't exist yet.

A 10-man team from the Hohenfels, Germany-based Combat Maneuver Training Center has been dispatched to Afghanistan to figure out the kind of conditions the next rotation of forces into the combat zone might find there.

"We've come over here to check out the area so that we can build realistic and relevant training package for follow-on forces," said Lt. Col. Knowles Atchison, a senior observer-controller for the training center.

The group will lead the training for the Italy-based Southern European Task Force in coming months as the unit prepares to take over command of the Afghanistan mission from the 25th Infantry Division in this spring.

But in a combat zone, a lot can

happen in just a few months. Just ask the 1st Infantry Division.

Troops from the 1st ID were at the training center last October for their deployment into Iraq in March. The training in Germany was almost up-to-the-minute, with troops facing scenarios that replicated incidents that had occurred in Iraq the day before.

But by the time troops arrived into the war zone, many complained much of what they'd learned in Germany had become outdated.

Training center officials have taken the criticism to heart and are trying to adapt training.

"We were training a lot of unnecessary and outdated stuff," said Sgt. Maj. Fernando Torres, another trainer now in Afghanistan. "Unfortunately, we were not current to the actual missions troops were facing. We have to be more up-to-date."

But with a constantly adapting enemy, that's easier said than done.

"What's going on here in Afghanistan even right now is not



Lt. Col. Eric Nantz

necessarily going to be relevant six months from now," said Lt. Col. Jack Bone, the top aviation trainer at CMTTC.

"The bad guys' [tactics, techniques and procedures] are maturing," added Lt. Col. Chris Delors, the center's operations officer. "Every day, they're learning and adapting to our countermeasures."

With SETAF slated for its rotation at the training center in September and October, but not deploying into Afghanistan until March and April, that makes for an interesting dilemma for the trainers.



Lt. Col. Knowles Atchison

"We don't want our training to replicate what's going on here today," said Capt. Eric Remoy, "because that's probably not going to be what units face."

An intelligence officer for the training center, it's Remoy's job to help define what Afghanistan will look like once the unit arrives.

"Right now there's no assessment out there on what it's going to be like nine months from now," said Remoy, "at least none that I can get my hands on."

So the trainers are building their own assessments by talking

to troops and leaders on the ground to help them gauge where things might be going in the coming months.

With presidential and parliamentary elections slated between now and then, plus factional fighting on the rise and an increasingly aggressive insurgency, there are a lot of variables to factor into the training.

"We're never going to duplicate what troops experience," said Bone. "It's never going to be exactly what they find once they hit the ground."

That's why as much as they hope to build realistic scenarios for units, the trainers also are trying to find ways to help soldiers adapt to the combat zone on their own.

"We're trying to get away from what to think and more towards how to think," said Lt. Col. Eric Nantz, the chief maneuver trainer.

"There are no checklists now," he said, troops have to learn it's up to them to stay one step ahead of the enemy."

"Soldiers must accept responsibility to think on their feet," added Atchison. "Because that's exactly what the enemy is doing."

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# Strikeforce weathers well in deadly desert heat

BY SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — Hard training during the South Korean summer has helped 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team avoid heat injuries during its first two weeks in the Middle East, officials say.

Since the first Strikeforce soldiers arrived in Kuwait earlier this month, no one has succumbed to the heat, Strikeforce surgeon Capt. Matt Hing said Thursday.

Other units based in Kuwait have not fared so well in the 120-degree temperatures, he said, citing a National Guard unit training alongside the Strikeforce at Udairi Range that suffered two heat injuries in a single day last week.

Hing, 32, of Sacramento, Calif., has spent the past year in South Korea with 2nd ID. He said Strikeforce soldiers are used to training in the hot conditions near the Korean Demilitarized Zone.

"We come from a unit that is used to extreme heat and we are used to being on a high state of alert for heat injury during spring and summer months," he said.

The 2nd ID had several heat injuries last summer, but Strikeforce avoided such problems during training for the Middle East deployment, he said.

"In South Korea, we trained not just to rehearse different combat situations but we wanted to be outdoors for an extended period," Hing said.

A range of tactics have helped



Two soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment — Pvt. Jason Sparks, 19, of Monroeville, Ohio, and Pvt. Allen Morgan, 20, of Munford, Alabama — suck on their CamelBak water bladders to stay hydrated in the hot weather at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

Strikeforce keep heat injuries at bay, he said.

Every Strikeforce soldier has been issued two CamelBaks and ordered to drink from them regularly, Hing said.

"We are enforcing hydration and we made it easy for soldiers to hydrate," he said.

At Camp Buehring, there are pallets of water scattered throughout the areas where Strikeforce soldiers live and work: in buildings, outside doorways, and inside tents.

Pvt. Jason Sparks, 19, of Company C, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, said training in the Kuwaiti heat does not bother him. "It seems cooler than South Korea because it doesn't have humidity," he said.

The Monroeville, Ohio, native and his buddies each take four bottles of water and a full CamelBak when they train in the desert, he said.

"As long as you stay hydrated, you are fine," he said.

Soldiers are particularly at risk

of heat injury because they spend so much time working outdoors, Hing said.

"Our soldiers literally exercise three to four times a day and they are doing other stuff between their workouts — walking from site to site with a rucksack, carrying heavy equipment. Even the support units have long hours and are exposed to the elements for long periods of time," he said.

Serious heat injuries include heat exertion and heat stroke. A person suffering from these condi-



Capt. Matt Hing

tions has an elevated core body temperature, Hing said.

"With heat stroke, the core body temperature is 105 degrees or more. It is so high they could get brain damage," he said.

A person with heat stroke may become confused and start behaving strangely, he said.

"The reason why heat stroke is so serious is because people who get heat stroke can get all sorts of organ failure. It can kill within hours or days," he said.

Drinking enough water is just one part of heat injury prevention, he said.

Eating regularly, getting adequate rest, using sunscreen and steering clear of caffeinated drinks all help prevent soldiers becoming dehydrated, he said.

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## March protection

Troops from the 25th Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment joined Iraqi police last week in providing security for marchers at a memorial for an Iraqi religious leader killed a year ago in sectarian violence.

The march in Kirkuk celebrated the memory of Mohammed Bakr Hakim, the leader of Iraq's Higher Islamic Revolutionary Council, who was murdered in a car-bomb attack last year in Najaf. The march was concluded without incident, according to the daily press briefing of the Tikrit-based Task Force Danger.

The 1-21 Infantry is based at Schofield Barracks near Honolulu and has been deployed to Iraq under the command of 1st Infantry Division since March.

## Training in Cairo

CAIRO, Egypt — More than 250 Iraqi security officers began training Saturday at Cairo's police academy as part of Egypt's role in rehabilitating the Iraqi security apparatus, an Interior Ministry official said.

The 259 Iraqi officers arrived in Cairo on Friday, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

No other details were available. Egypt has said it would not send troops to Iraq, though it is willing to help rebuild the Iraqi security forces.

Jordan has also taken on training, with more than 4,000 Iraqi army and police cadets attending courses so far this year.

From staff and wire reports

# Iraqi oil experts decry KBR work

BY SHAFIKA MATTAR

The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Iraqi oil experts on Saturday rebuked an American firm helping rehabilitate Iraq's oil industry, saying it has failed to do an adequate job in the vital sector.

KBR, which was contracted through the U.S. Department of Defense, "has not done an excellent job, it has not done a good job at all," said Mohammed Aboush, a former director-general of the Iraqi Oil Ministry.

"We have attended several meetings with the firm and set up priorities for work, but we had only schedules and promises, many of them did not materialize," added Aboush, who said he quit his job with the ministry two months ago. He declined to discuss specifics.

Mustafa al-Bazergan, an Iraqi oil expert, said the United States allocated \$809 million through KBR — which is based in Houston — for rebuilding Iraqi oil installations and rehabilitating the oil industry.

"But very little was achieved, less than 10 percent," he said.

KBR is a subsidiary of Halliburton, which has been awarded more than \$6 billion in contracts related to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, but the company has been under fire for allegedly overcharging the government.

In general, he said, many foreign firms working in Iraq use deteriorating security conditions as a "pretext to delay plans, which is hampering the rebuilding process and affecting the rehabilitation of the Iraqi oil sector."

Both Iraqis spoke on the sidelines of a workshop organized by the London-based British-Iraq Chamber of Commerce. The two-day workshop, titled "Oil and Gas in Iraq," opened in the Jordanian capital on Saturday and aims



Iraqi oil experts and officials meet in Amman, Jordan, on Saturday during a workshop to discuss the rebuilding of the Iraqi oil and gas sector.

to provide opportunities for businessmen to invest in the Iraqi oil industry.

Some 70 experts and businessmen from 14 countries — including the United States, Britain, Poland, Germany, France, Jordan and India — are listed as participants. A larger meeting on Iraqi oil industry is planned by the same organization in Jordan on Nov. 22.

Tariq Abdul-Muhsin, director of the state South Gas Company, called for a multinational force to protect Iraq's oil industry, particularly from pipeline sabotage blamed on insurgents.

"When America entered Iraq, it was clear that it had the responsibility to protect the oil

wealth that affects not only the citizens of Iraq, but the whole world," he said. "We need multinational forces because they have the expertise, the means of safety, planes and mobile patrols to protect Iraqi oil industry."

Simon Brady, an official with a British security firm in charge of training Iraqis to prevent sabotage of oil pipelines and installations, said he was optimistic about Iraq's oil future.

"People make it clear that they have had enough with the insurgents. Confidence will return and that will attract investment," said Brady of maritime security firm Hart GMSSCO.

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### WITHOUT A PADDLE

Three lifelong friends from Philadelphia go into the Oregon wilderness in search of lost treasure. Canoeing down the Columbia River, the trio soon finds that the canoeing experience goes wrong as the river turns dangerous. They find themselves hunted by two backwoods farmers, encounter tree hugging hippie chicks and a crazy old mountain man.

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# Baumholder hanging in the balance

## Realignment makes base's fate uncertain

BY TERRY BOYD  
Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — If there was ever a base on the bubble, it's Baumholder.

German officials — noting that Baumholder is a major U.S. Army base close to Ramstein Air Base and the Kaiserslautern Military Community — hope its location will keep it open.

But, as a 1st Armored Division base, it's future is far from assured.

Senior U.S. defense officials confirmed at a Pentagon backgroud briefing on Monday that the 1st Infantry Division and 1st AD will leave Germany. Pentagon officials emphasized the transformation of forces will occur over 10 years, and so far, there are no appropriations to build facilities in the United States to accommodate the division's four land brigades, two aviation brigades, division artillery and headquarters that are all currently in Europe.

Riding on the outcome is the economic well-being of several rural communities in the state of Rhineland-Palatinate, most pointedly Baumholder.

U.S. officials say there is no decision on Baumholder's fate.

"Anything to do with the [transformation] announcement... we simply don't have any more specific information. It would only be speculation," said Kim Walls, a spokeswoman for the Installation Management Agency-Europe.

However, Karl Peter Bruch, the interior minister for Rhineland-Palatinate, told Stars and Stripes that during meetings at the Pentagon in May, Department of Defense officials showed him the list of U.S. bases in Germany that will remain. Baumholder was not on it.

On his first visit to talk to Pentagon policy makers, including Raymond DuBois, undersecretary of defense for installations and environment — DOD officials showed him a list of surviving bases: the Ramstein/Kaiserslautern complex, Spangdahlem Air Base and Baumholder, Bruch said.

But during the May follow-up visit, "Baumholder was not on it. We pointed out to him that Baumholder was missing."

An Army official at the Pentagon said she did not know of any list that Bruch had mentioned. A spokesman for DuBois did not respond to queries by deadline.



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H.D. Smith Barracks dominate both Baumholder's physical setting and its financial health. German officials say the base pumps about \$200 million into the local economy each year. If Baumholder closes, about 600 base employees would lose their jobs, and officials say those job losses could lead to far greater unemployment.

### Catastrophic loss

If H.D. Smith Barracks, satellite installations, schools and four major housing complexes close, it would be "a catastrophe" for his town of 5,000, said Mayor Volkmar Pees.

The unemployment rate is about 9 percent for the county of Birkenfeld, which includes Baumholder, though local officials estimate the rate is substantially higher in the Baumholder area.

The departure of more than 5,000 soldiers, many of whom live on the economy, along with 600 German high-paying base jobs, would be an economic disaster, Pees said. Multiply those 600 jobs by a factor of four, Bruch said, calculating that about 2,400 local jobs — from retailers to contractors — would fall victim to the base closing.

The U.S. base at Baumholder pumps about \$200 million per year into the local economy, Bruch said during a Wednesday interview in Mainz. That economic injection is worth \$1.4 billion annually if all three major bases in the state — Baumholder, Ramstein Air Base and the Kaiserslautern Military Community — are included.

Despite Baumholder not being on the list of surviving bases, Pees, Bruch and other German officials remain optimistic that U.S. officials will take advantage of Baumholder's proximity to Ramstein.

The largest of the 1st AD bases in Germany — and the largest collection of combat-arm units outside the continental United States — Baumholder is home to the 2nd Brigade and Division Artillery.

### Mixed signals

With President Bush's announcement last week of troop reductions in Europe, Baumholder may join a long list of U.S. bases in Germany closed since the early 1980s, including Bad Kreuznach, the former 1st AD headquarters.

The first transformation changes aren't scheduled to begin until 2006, and are projected to take a decade. German officials expected the plan to have a four-year window.

"We were relieved," Bruch said. "That larger window makes us more optimistic with the changing nature of warfare."

Just what will happen in Baum-

holder is far from clear. Basically, it comes down to reading tea leaves, and the Pentagon and Army have given mixed signals as to the base's fate.

Last year, Marine Gen. James Jones, commander of U.S. forces in Europe, told Stars and Stripes that construction funding — especially for housing — would cease at bases likely to close. Baumholder has a number of new housing renovation projects slated through 2006.

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## German officials fighting departure

BY TERRY BOYD  
Stars and Stripes

MAINZ, Germany — Of the four German states with military bases, Rhineland-Palatinate may have the most to lose in the Bush administration's proposed transformation of the U.S. military presence in Europe. Or at least the most to fight for.

Of the four states — Hessen, Rhineland-Palatinate, Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg — hosting most of the U.S. military presence, only Rhineland-Palatinate officials have put together a public campaign to convince U.S. policy makers to keep open its bases, including Baumholder and Spangdahlem Air Base.

So far, the state in southwest Germany is one for one. Spangdahlem, near the border with Belgium, apparently will survive, while Baumholder, home to the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Armored Division, may close.

Bavaria appears to be the big winner in the transformation, with both Hohenfels and Grafenwohr combat maneuver training centers remaining and a Stryker Brigade going to Grafenwohr. Other states, such as Hessen, can afford to

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Karl Peter Bruch



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# Cis help new anthrax vaccine study

## Government paying \$60 to participants

By KIMBERLY HEFLING  
The Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — They can do it, it's one of God's country — or for the \$60. Either way, soldiers vaccinated against anthrax have the opportunity to help future anthrax victims by donating their blood.

The government plans to develop an experimental treatment for anthrax from the blood of people vaccinated against it. Such a medicine has never been tested on people, but scientists think it has a good chance of working based on animal tests.

Federal health officials are aiming for an emergency stockpile that could treat about 2,700 people in case of another anthrax attack. Five people died from anthrax in 2001.

Lewis Long, a civilian readiness officer who pitched the plan to the troops this month, said many may want to do it to protect their wives and children, who haven't had the vaccine.

But there is another reason, too. In a Fort Campbell gymnasium when troops in their Army greens were told they would get \$60 for a liter of their blood plasma, many whooped and holed. They can donate up to once a week.

But a young Joe that might need that extra cash, that's a significant amount," Long said.

## Donor requirements

To donate plasma for the experimental anthrax treatment, a person must meet each of these requirements:

- Received at least four doses of anthrax vaccine.
- Received last dose of vaccine about two weeks ago.
- Be in good health.
- Pass a medical history screening, a physical examination and blood and urine testing.
- Not have HIV, hepatitis or syphilis.

Spc. Ian Cook, a 25-year-old father of two, said he took a pay cut to join the Army 18 months ago, and could use the money to help with household expenses. Donating blood four times a month could add \$240 to his \$1,550-a-month base salary. The potential to help people exposed to anthrax, "that's just a little bonus, I guess," said Cook, of Las Vegas.

Depending on the soldiers' response, the blood donor program could be spread within a few weeks to other military installations.

Fort Campbell, 50 miles north of Nashville, Tenn., was selected as the first site for the program because a high percentage of soldiers have been vaccinated against anthrax, said Col. John Grabenstein, deputy director for military vaccines at the Army surgeon general's of-

- Not use illegal drugs.
- Not be pregnant.
- Not have gotten any tattoos or non-sterile skin piercings within the past year.
- Not have spent long periods of times in the 1980s and the early to mid-1990s in countries where "mad cow" disease was found, such as France, United Kingdom, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Italy or Greece.

— The Associated Press

fice. It's also near a federally approved plasma collection site in Clarksville, Tenn.

All troops deploying to Iraq, Afghanistan and other U.S. Central Command countries, as well as Korea, are required to get anthrax shots. Since 1998, 1.2 million troops have been vaccinated against anthrax.

To make the new medication, called anthrax immune globulin, or AIG, scientists will use antibodies, protective proteins from the soldiers' plasma, the watery part of the blood.

"We think there is a good chance that AIG would help improve survival in patients with severe anthrax diseases, but we don't know for sure," said Dr. Clare Dykewicz, a medical epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which is running the program.

# Fight: Germans trying to save Baumholder

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lose bases such as Darmstadt and Wiesbaden because of the bases' location in heavily developed urban areas and will be quickly absorbed, said a German official who asked not to be identified.

Baumholder, by comparison, is one of the most undeveloped parts of Germany, where jobs are scarce and the unemployment rate is relatively high at about 9 percent.

"Reinland-Pfalz has spent 1.5 billion euros of state money on base reuse projects," the official said.

Those efforts have mostly been successful. Hahn Air Base, for example, is now Hahn Air port, a hub for Ryanair, a discount carrier, and a major job creator, the official said. Zweibrücken Air Base is now the largest outlet mall in Germany, he added. Others former U.S. bases such as Sembach Air Base and the former 1st Air Headquarters at Bad Kreuznach, sit unused.

With 850 properties — including five major air bases — handed back to the Germans by the U.S. Defense Department since 1990, "we're running out of options on Baumholder."

Reinland-Palatinate officials began putting together a strategy just after the Bush administration announced transformation plans in April 2001. Their assumption, the source said, was that Ramstein would remain as the United States' main European transport hub.

So the main thrust was to convince U.S. defense officials that the most practical bases from which to deploy large numbers of troops would those closest to the global air bases.

The centerpiece of the plan to convince U.S. officials to keep remaining bases involves an affordable build-to-lease plan to improve family housing and overall quality of life while freeing up money for essential military projects.

In an effort headed up by Karl Peter Bruch, Reinland-Palatinate's interior minister, German officials are trying to recruit private investors for a private/public partnership to build or upgrade U.S. facilities, including housing units at Ramstein, Spangdahlem and Baumholder. Under the plan, the United States in return would commit to long-term leases on the property rather than having to budget large, one-time construction projects or renovation costs.

The goal is to line up about \$130 million in financing to build 500 units, according to German officials familiar with the plan. The Air Force gave the state a two-page list of unfunded projects including warehouses, a mail terminal, fuel depots and administration buildings that could be built under the program, said the German source.

The arrangement would allow the United States not only to build better family housing — abandoning stairwell floor plans dating back to the 1950s — for troops, but also U.S. costs by using more efficient private contractors to do the work.

In turn, the long-term leases would give investors a reasonable return.

Part of the effort is trying to cut bureaucracy and getting the federal government to change laws that forbid private investors from building on federal land used for the military, German officials told Stars and Stripes.

German officials still have to present a final plan to the Pentagon, Bruch said in an interview Wednesday.

On Thursday, U.S. European Command's deputy commander said Spangdahlem Air Base will survive — along with Ramstein — as a replacement for Rhein-Main Air Base passenger hub in Frankfurt.

"The German government is actually allowing some funds to go to Spangdahlem to help us improve it so we can move out of Rhein-Main," said Gen. Charles F. Wald at a press conference at EUCOM headquarters in Stuttgart. "Same thing with Ramstein, so both of those bases we intend to keep open."

But so far, there's no word on Baumholder.

# Baumholder: Reading mixed signals on U.S. realignment

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In 2002, Army Secretary Thomas White stated that the 1st AD may swap places with a Stryker Brigade from Fort Lewis, Wash. Strykers — relatively speedy wheeled, armored vehicles capable of carrying different types of armaments depending on mission — are more quickly deployable by aircraft than M1A1 Abrams tanks.

Testifying in March 2003 before the House Armed Services Committee, Gen. Montgomery Meigs, former U.S. Army Europe commander, called Baumholder "the likely site of a Stryker Brigade" because it is close to Ramstein, the Air Force's staging point for both European Command and Central Command operations.

But now, that Stryker brigade appears to be headed to Grafenwöhr Training Area, 400 miles across Germany, near the border with the Czech Republic — a move favored by the German federal government, Bruch said.

Earlier this year, Maj. Gary Tallman, Stryker Brigade spokesman at the Pentagon, told Stars and Stripes that Baumholder was not on the list of bases to receive the Stryker units.

U.S. officials at Baumholder declined to comment for this story, citing guidance from Installation Management Agency officials banning interviews related to transformation.

However, public Army documents and news reports list Baumholder's main strong points including:

- Its location about 40 miles northwest of Ramstein, which U.S. officials have said will remain. Also nearby is the Kaiserstuhl Military Community, which is the logistic hub for U.S. forces based in Europe.

- At about 25,000 acres, the third-largest maneuver/training area in Germany, behind those in Grafenwöhr and Hohenfels. However, unlike those training facilities, the Baumholder site has no high-tech capabilities.

- A just-completed \$13 million, state-of-the-art motor pool for the 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, and two updated motor pools for the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment and the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment.



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**Inspectors review the schedule at Baumholder's Installation Staging Area as M-58 trucks wait to enter the next inspection point prior to the 1st Armored Division's deployment last spring to Iraq. German officials in Baumholder hope that the base's proximity to Ramstein Air Base, will be a compelling reason for the United States to keep the base open.**

- The largest Army dental clinic in Europe.
  - An airfield with a 572-meter, or 1,800-foot-plus runway — easily long enough to accommodate C-130 transport aircraft.
- At that airfield, which currently is unused, Baumholder is getting a platoon of unmanned aerial vehicles, or UAVs. The division-level intelligence assets will grow to a company-sized elements, according to U.S. Army Europe officials.

The small UAVs, called Hunters, currently are based at Fort Hood, Texas, and are scheduled to arrive at several bases in Europe later this year, or early in 2005.

The UAV unit may or may not be the harbinger of change at Baumholder. Bruch said he's confident that the Pentagon is, at the behest of German officials, "making an earnest attempt" to find a use for Baumholder, including light, rapidly deployable units that also could use the training area.

In Baumholder, local officials are hoping for a death-row review in the form of the U.S. presidential elections.

"I'm reading a book on [Sen.] John Kerry that's this," Pees said, opening his thumb and forefinger to a two-inch gap.

Kerry, he said, seems "more interested in Europe."

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# 3 Aviano airmen sentenced for cocaine use

BY KENT HARRIS  
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AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — Three airmen from 31st Fighter Wing have been court-martialed this month for cocaine use, and 10 more may face trial in the coming months.

The cases result from a four-month investigation conducted by members of the Office of Special Investigations detach-

## 10 more airmen may face courts-martial in coming months

ment in Aviano and the 31st Security Forces Squadron that ended in an on-base raid in December. At the time, base officials said a dozen airmen were being detained in connection with illegal drug use.

Capt. Jennifer Whitko, chief of military justice for the wing, said Friday that two courts-martial

are scheduled for next week, and eight more are possible.

"We're sifting through the evidence and finding out what charges are going to come out of them," she said.

The latest court-martial was held Friday.

Airman Nathan Blount, assigned to the 31st Logistics Read-

iness Squadron, pleaded guilty to the use of cocaine and making a false official statement. He was sentenced to seven months' confinement, reduction in rank to E-1 and a bad-conduct discharge.

Two other cases were heard earlier this month.

■ Senior Airman Darrin Gilmore of the 31st Aircraft Main-

tenance Squadron pleaded guilty to cocaine use on Aug. 2, but was found not guilty on conspiracy charges. He was sentenced to three months of jail time, reduction in rank to E-1 and forfeiture of two-thirds pay for six months.

■ Airman 1st Class Justin Ethernod of the 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess cocaine and one count of cocaine use in a court-martial on Monday. He was sentenced to four months in jail, four months forfeiture of two-thirds pay and a reduction in rank to E-1.

Whitko said that while many of the charges are similar and they all result from the same case, each of those accused would be tried separately.

The military could try more than one at a time, but "that's something the military traditionally doesn't do," she said.

Logistics and the desire for each of those accused to have adequate legal representation are the main reasons for separate trials, she said.

The high number of courts-martial that could result from the case is unusual for Aviano, where the courtroom is often empty. But a similar bust at Camp Darby that occurred a week after the Aviano bust may skew the numbers even further.

One court-martial in that case was held Aug. 13 in Aviano. Airman 1st Class Syv Holsinger of the 712th Munitions Squadron pleaded guilty to one count of cocaine use and one count of fraudulent enlistment.

He was sentenced to five months in jail, five months forfeiture of two-thirds pay, reduction in rank to E-1 and a bad-conduct discharge.

Airmen at Camp Darby now fall under the jurisdiction of the 30th Combat Support Wing in Sembach, Germany. So the trials may be held in Germany or Aviano.

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## Tanks in Town

"Tanks in Town," an annual gathering of World War II vehicles and tanks, is scheduled for Saturday and Aug. 29 in Mons, Belgium, to commemorate the city's Sept. 2, 1944, liberation by the 3rd Armored Division.

The 60th anniversary festival will include a World War II bivouac, tank displays, convoys and rides.

Vintage vehicles and tanks will be on display Saturday at the "Bois Brule" in Ghlin next to the racetrack. Visitors can ride in a personnel carrier, a Sherman tank, a Russian tank or the "Fish and Chips" Stuart tank, the first tank to enter Mons in 1944.

Vehicle rides range in price from 5 to 40 euros. Access to the site is free for U.S. ID-cardholders and 5 euros for all other visitors.

From staff reports

## Sports day at RAF Mildenhall



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Left: Airman 1st Class Wendell Bond of the 100th Maintenance Squadron at RAF Mildenhall, England, watches a horseshoe he just pitched during the base's sports day. Right: Staff Sgt. Marlene Collins of the 100th Mission Support Squadron at RAF Mildenhall, England, spins around as part of the "dizzy bat" game. Players spun around several times and then tried to negotiate a slalom course against the clock.

## Change of command



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Lt. Col. Todd A. Buchs, foreground, 222nd Base Support Battalion commander, passed the guidon to Lt. Col. James E. Larsen during a change of command on Friday at the Rheinlander Convention Center, H.D. Smith Barracks in Baumholder, Germany. As base commander, Buchs supported 2nd Brigade units and Division Artillery at this 1st Armored Division base through the deployment to Iraq in 2003, then during their reintegration this summer. Base support battalions oversee family support efforts and base quality of life issues. Buchs and Larsen are graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Larsen comes to Baumholder after serving as executive officer for the 1st AD's 4th Brigade Combat Team in Iraq. Buchs has been assigned to USAREUR headquarters in Heidelberg.

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# Laying the groundwork for new positioning

BY WARD SANDERSON  
Stars and Stripes

In the weeks prior to President Bush's proclamation that 70,000 U.S. troops would pull out of bases in places such as Germany and South Korea, American officials were quietly negotiating where to put new posts in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The new bases would be closer to hot spots than current U.S. installations and would include skeletal positions with fluctuating troop numbers as well as permanent bases, according to Pentagon mantra. But they would also, according to a defense analyst and reports from Europe, include silos for a planned theater missile shield.

U.S. generals made two telling diplomatic visits last month.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, visited Bulgaria on July 29 and 30 to discuss "a wide variety of issues" with leaders there, including the possibility of stationing forces.

At the time, about 1,000 U.S. troops were at the Novo Selo Training Area in Bulgaria for a training exercise known as Bulwark '04.

"We certainly did not make any decisions, but we had pretty extensive discussions on potential military basing here," Myers said afterward, appearing with his Bulgarian counterpart, Gen. Nikola Ivanov Kolev.

"The United States is discussing its military posture around the world with many countries," Myers said, according to a transcript. "Those consultations are ongoing. No decisions have been made yet, and all I will say is that the United States appreciates our partnership with Bulgaria."



Myers



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Staff Sgt. Jeremy Wenthe, left, and Bulgarian Pvt. Atanas Kovachev train during an exercise earlier this month at the Novo Selo Training Area in Bulgaria. In late July, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, visited Bulgaria to discuss the possibility of basing U.S. forces there.

No further public announcements followed, according to Raisa Yordanova, a U.S. Embassy press official in Sofia.

Just before Myers visited Bulgaria, the head of U.S. Central Command, Gen. John P. Abizaid, visited Uzbekistan's Defense Minister Kadyr Gulyamov and Foreign Minister Sadik Safaev on "issues of bilateral cooperation and regional security," according to an embassy release.

Embassy spokesman Michael Reinert said that the United States had nothing public to say on new bases in Uzbekistan. But he added that both sides were happy with the Americans' current use of an air base in Khanaabad to support the mission in neighboring Afghanistan.

The recent visits follow months of talks between John R. Bolton, U.S. undersecretary of state for arms control and international security, and officials in Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary. Bolton is reportedly pursuing mis-

sile silos and an additional radar site for a theater shield against attacks from the Middle East.

A Pentagon spokesman cautioned that no timetables or destinations for new bases have been announced. Nonetheless, analysts see a new defense topography emerging from the map.

Some new bases would be near or inside the Balkans yet closer to the Middle East, said Otfried Nassauer, director of the Berlin Information Center for Transatlantic Security. Nassauer said the new, smaller bases also could be used in case of an emergency in the Black Sea or Transcaucasus countries.

Nassauer said that he doubts Poland, the Czech Republic or Hungary would see huge troop deployments because they're neither close enough to the Middle East when compared with Germany nor far enough from Russia to avoid angst.

"The disadvantages would be too big politically, and you

couldn't gain enough," Nassauer said. "It doesn't make much sense."

Instead, he predicts the missile shield would better fit places like Poland, the Czech Republic or Hungary, while more southerly Bulgaria and Romania could see greater troop numbers without threatening Russia.

Uzbekistan with its proximity to Afghanistan is also a logical place to expand, Nassauer said. Africa, U.S. officials have hinted, remains another option.

The Pentagon has said new bases would not serve as replacements for those lost in an exit of the 1st Armored Division and 1st Infantry Division from Germany. Instead, they would house lighter forces or serve as "lily pads" for soldiers to skip across en route to missions in places like the Middle East.

"Nobody intends to deploy an armored brigade somewhere in Africa," Nassauer said.

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## Battle of the Bands

Top 2 USAREUR bands to compete in D.C.

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Top left: Soldiers from the band Black Box 60 perform at the U.S. Army Europe's annual Battle of the Bands held Saturday in Katterbach, Germany. Seven bands competed for the title of best band in Europe, which Black Box 60 won. The top two Army bands will represent Europe in the all-Army competition in Washington, D.C.

Top right: Singer Colin Moore belts out a tune for Silent Majority, a group of airmen from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. Though the group took second place in the competition, its members will not be able to represent the Army. The Hohenfels-based band Busted Amber, though taking third at the Katterbach competition, will represent the Army at the Washington event.

Right: Miegian Fihli, guitarist for the metal band Silent Majority, performs Metallica's "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

Left: Kylene Downes plays guitar for the Ansbach-based band Just Add Water.

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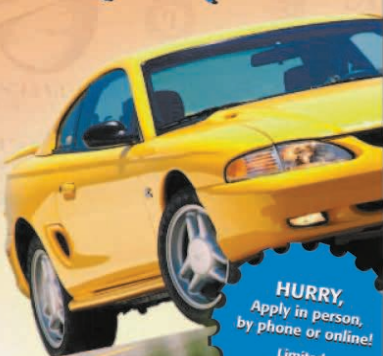
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## IN THE STATES

## Kerry, Bush camps trade barbs over ads

Polls show attacks on military record hurting Kerry, who files complaint with FEC

BY DAVID ESPO  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attacks on John Kerry's war record may be beginning to have an impact, polls suggest, amid raised voices and new TV ads on a subject at least temporarily dominating debate in the close U.S. presidential race.

Democrats are laboring to deflect the questioning of Kerry's record with fresh ads touting his fitness for national command, even as the White House mocks the Massachusetts senator as "losing his cool" over claims he lied to win military medals in Vietnam.

Kerry wasn't going to let such claims pass, spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter shot back on Friday, saying, "John Kerry is a fighter and he doesn't tolerate lies from others."

The anti-Kerry group that provoked the furor with a recent commercial distributed a second ad to the news media and said it would begin airing it next week in Pennsylvania, Nevada and New Mexico. The ad mixes clips of a youthful Kerry talking about war atrocities in testimony to Congress in 1971 with images of veterans condemning his remarks.

The Kerry campaign filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission that alleged the group behind the ad was illegal-



Kerry

ly coordinating its efforts with the Bush-Cheney campaign. It cited "recent press reports" and the group's own statements.

The Bush campaign denied the allegation, as did the organization that aired the ad.

Campaigns often file complaints with the FEC, but the commission rarely intervenes quickly enough to alter the course of a race.

The intense late-August back-and-forth underscored the closeness of the race for the White House and came as polls offered the first hint that the questioning of Kerry's medal-winning service in the Vietnam War — allegations that he strongly condemned this week as lies — were taking a political toll.

One poll found that more than half the voters questioned had seen or heard of an ad by Swift Boat Veterans For Truth that accused Kerry of lying about events that earned him five medals a generation ago.

The University of Pennsylvania's National Annenberg Election Survey also found that 44 percent of self-described independent voters found the ad at least somewhat

believable.

Separately, a CBS poll found a sharp drop in Kerry's support among veterans since the end of the Democratic National Convention that highlighted his war record.

Polls after the convention indicated Kerry had made considerable progress toward the campaign's goal of establishing him as a battle-tested veteran ready to assume command in an era of terrorism. Several veterans who served with him have campaigned alongside him, strongly supporting his combat record and calling him a hero.

In a new commercial that officials said was filmed Thursday, the Democratic Party showed retired Air Force Gen. Merrill A. McPeak saying he had endorsed President George W. Bush four years ago but was backing Kerry now.

"Nothing is more important to me than protecting America," says McPeak, a fighter pilot in Vietnam who rose to become Air Force chief of staff during the first Persian Gulf War in 1991.

"John Kerry has the strength and com-



Bush

mon sense we need in a commander in chief."

That message is sharply at odds with the image portrayed in the anti-Kerry ad that the nominee denounced Thursday when he said Bush was relying on front groups to "do his dirty work."

"I do think that Senator Kerry losing his cool should not be an excuse for him to lash out at the president with false and baseless attacks," White House spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters in Crawford, Texas, on Friday.

"We've already said we weren't involved in any way in these ads," he said. "We've made that clear."

Kerry's campaign then trumpeted a political flier from Florida advertising a "pro-USA political rally" that appeared to show the veterans' group and the local Bush-Cheney campaign as sponsors.

Records show that Bob Perry, a Houston homebuilder who is helping to finance the anti-Kerry commercials, was well-known to Bush to earn an invitation to visit the then-Texas governor.

"I hope all goes well with you," Bush said in an April 15, 1997, letter. "Should you ever come to Austin, please come and say hello."

Bush wrote in response to a letter asking him to veto legislation that would have placed new restrictions on title companies if it made it out of the Texas Legislature.

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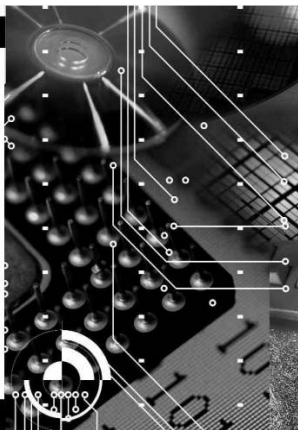
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# Bush says public schools are not making the grade

By PETE YOST  
The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — In a back-to-school message, President George W. Bush says that while many public schools aren't making the grade, he could get high marks from voters for the No Child Left Behind Act.

"We are leaving behind the broken system that shuffled children from grade to grade, even when they were not learning the basics," Bush said Saturday in his weekly radio address. "We're requiring regular testing, providing extra help for children falling behind. We're giving information and options to parents. We are holding schools accountable for the progress of every child."

He acknowledged that "some schools have catching up to do," but said the federal government was making extra money available to schools that need the most help. To help disadvantaged students, Bush said the government had boosted aid to \$12.2 billion, an increase of 11 percent since he took office.

Bush said one federal grant went to Asheville City Schools in North Carolina, the home district of Ina B. Jones Elementary School.

"Two years ago, James did not meet standards under the new law. So district leaders used more than \$200,000 in federal aid to help Jones hire a reading coach, train additional teachers, increase parent involvement, and start an extended-day program for struggling students," Bush said.

"This past school year, their efforts paid off. James met its target for yearly progress. This is how a fourth grade teacher described her reaction: 'We screamed and yelled. We were absolutely thrilled.'"

J.B. Buxton, a former education adviser to Democratic

North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley, said that while the state welcomes the federal money, state and local officials "would be amazed to hear the president taking credit for their progress."

Buxton said the progress stems from a 10-year effort to improve accountability, teacher quality and early childhood classroom preparation.

Buxton also credited a commitment by the governor in the past three years to reduce classroom size and a push by local officials to promote parental involvement and increase ongoing training for teachers.

Bush and Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts have been running close nationally on the question of who would do a better job on education.

Last week, an interest group, funded in part by the nation's largest teachers' union, launched \$2.5 million worth of new commercials assailing Bush's education reform law.

Communities for Quality Education's 30-second ads claim the 2001 law is shortchanging the nation's schools by wasting money on bureaucracy, leaving classrooms overcrowded with fewer teachers and out-of-date books and materials.

Even though Kerry voted for No Child Left Behind, the commercials promote the Massachusetts senator saying he would add 500,000 new teachers and reduce class sizes to provide students with individual attention.

Kerry says Bush and Republicans in Congress have short-changed the states by a combined \$27 billion for the law, and he claims he would "fully fund" it by rolling back tax cuts for wealthier citizens.

Bush's campaign argues that federal education spending is at record levels under Bush, and Republicans say schools have enough money to satisfy the law's requirements.

## Inmates stage standoff

OLMITO, Texas — A standoff with 11 inmates at a maximum-security jail escalated into violence Friday, wounding two guards and the inmates as the SWAT team used tear gas and pepper spray.

It was the second outbreak of violence at Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center this summer.

The hourlong standoff began about 1 p.m. when two guards refused to return to their cells after a recreational period, Sheriff's Capt. Ronaldo Rodriguez said. The prisoners barricaded their dorm with bedding and other materials and began breaking television sets and phones to use as weapons.

The SWAT team was called in after negotiations failed, Rodriguez said.

The inmates were to be arraigned Saturday on charges of rioting in a jail facility and criminal mischief, Rodriguez told The Brownsville Herald for its Saturday edition.

He said the inmates were protesting a lockdown in place since Aug. 14 as prison staff investigated the beating of an inmate in the dorm, who remains in a coma.

Rodriguez said the entire jail, which holds about 630 inmates, would be under lockdown now as the investigation continues.

Olmito is about 10 miles from Brownsville in southern Texas.

From The Associated Press



Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is joined Wednesday by fellow Chicago jurors at the end of a trial that turned into a media frenzy because of the billionaire. Winfrey plans to bring her experience as a juror to her show.

# Oprah to bring 'eye-opener' jury experience to television

By ANNA JOHNSON  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Oprah Winfrey plans to bring her experience as a juror on a murder trial to her TV show next week, saying her three days in the jury box were a "reality check."

Winfrey was one of 12 jurors who convicted a Chicago man of murder Wednesday after a routine trial that turned into a media magnet because of the billionaire.

"I think it was an eye-opener for all of us," Winfrey said in the Cook County Criminal Courts Building lobby, flanked by other jurors. "It's a huge reality check; there's a whole other world going on out there." When your life in-

tersects with others in this way, it is forever changed."

Jurors deliberated for more than two hours before convicting 27-year-old Dion Coleman of first-degree murder in the February 2002 shooting death of Walter Holley, 23.

Coleman is scheduled to be sentenced next month and could face 45 years to life in prison.

Winfrey, who was paid \$17.20 a day, said she plans to do a show next week with other jurors.

More than a dozen reporters and sketch artists filled the seats in the cramped courtroom. Winfrey called all the attention distracting.

Before she was chosen for the jury Monday, Winfrey said she

thought she was too opinionated to be picked. But afterward she said she was fair.

Prosecutors said Coleman and Holley had argued over a counterfeited \$50 bill, and Coleman shot Holley 11 times. Defense attorneys argued that several of the state's witnesses were not reliable.

Defense lawyer Cynthia Brown said she had thought Winfrey would be a good juror because she has been a lawsuit defendant in a 1998 defamation case brought by Texas cattlemen — and might better understand what it's like to be accused of something. A jury exonerated Winfrey.

Associated Press writer Mike Collins contributed to this report.

# Fears of gridlock and terrorism have some New Yorkers running

By ERIN McCLAM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — New Yorkers pride themselves on their ability to handle almost anything. But many city dwellers have decided one obstacle is just too much — the upcoming Republican National Convention.

For these New Yorkers, the prospect of utter gridlock combined with the persistent specter of terrorism is finally enough to make them get out of town.

Sharon Fein, 26, has placed an ad online to rent her apartment on West 36th Street in Manhattan, just blocks from the site of the convention, for \$2,500 for the week — a profit large enough to cover a month's rent.

"I'll be such a hassle," said Fein, who works for a Manhattan custom clothier. "And a lot of my clients will be out of the area anyway. I just feel like the streets are going to be so crowded."

While police have pledged to aim for business as usual in Manhattan, most New Yorkers expect a nightmare of tangled traffic.

Other city dwellers are being chased away by the threat of terrorism, compounded by new alerts issued in early August.

Counterterrorism authorities,



Sharon Fein leans on the balcony ledge in her midtown Manhattan apartment, near the site of the Republican National Convention. Fein and many other New Yorkers have decided to leave the city during the convention, citing expected traffic nightmares and terrorism concerns.

as they did for the Democratic convention in Boston in July, promise unprecedented security.

At broker Corcoran Group of the Hamptons, a steady stream of callers have asked about renting a home for the week of the convention, said agent Diane Saatchi.

"They have strange notions — that it's possible to get a one-week rental in the first place, and that it would be affordable," she said.

Still, Saatchi said, people are willing to give up their homes in the Hamptons to accommodate the Manhattan exodus during convention week.

The state of Maine is trying to capitalize on the exodus — running TV ads featuring serene rivers and enticing vistas.

Craig's List, a popular online network of forums and classifieds, is teeming with ads for people hoping to make a quick buck — in some cases upward of \$10,000 — by renting out their apartments as they flee the city.

One of them is Fein. She's planning to spend the week with her family in the upstate New York town of Stone Ridge.



Haley Waldman, 8, is shown in her Communion gown in this undated family photo.

# Health keeps child from Communion

## Girl can't digest wheat wafer; church won't bend

BY JOHN CURRAN  
The Associated Press

BRIELLE, N.J. — An 8-year-old girl who suffers from a rare digestive disorder and cannot eat wheat has had her first Holy Communion declared invalid because the wafer contained no wheat, violating Roman Catholic doctrine.

Now, Haley Waldman's mother is pushing the Diocese of Trenton and the Vatican to make an exception, saying the girl's condition should not exclude her from the sacrament, which commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ before his crucifixion. The mother believes a rice Communion wafer would suffice.

"It's just not a viable option. How does it corrupt the tradition of the Last Supper? It's just rice versus wheat," said Elizabeth Pelly-Waldman.

Church doctrine holds that

Communion wafers, like the bread served at the Last Supper, must have at least some unleavened wheat. Church leaders are reluctant to change anything about the sacrament.

"This is not an issue to be determined at the diocesan or parish level, but has already been decided for the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world by Vatican authority," Trenton Bishop John M. Smith said in a statement last week.

Haley was diagnosed with celiac sprue disease when she was 5. The disorder occurs in people with a genetic intolerance of gluten, a food protein contained in wheat and other grains.

When consumed by celiac sufferers, gluten damages the lining of the small intestine, blocking nu-

trient absorption and leading to vitamin deficiencies, bone-thinning and sometimes gastrointestinal cancer.

The diocese has told Haley's mother that the girl can receive a low-gluten wafer, or just drink wine at Communion, but that anything without gluten does not qualify. Pelly-Waldman rejected the offer, saying her child could be harmed by even a small amount of the substance.

Some Catholic churches allow no-gluten hosts, while others do not, said Elaine Monarch, executive director of the Celiac Disease Foundation, a California-based support group for sufferers.

"It is an undue hardship on a person who wants to practice their religion and needs to compromise their health to do so," Monarch said.

The church has similar rules for Communion wine. For alcoholics, the church allows a substitute for wine under some circumstances; however, the drink must still

be fermented from grapes and contain some alcohol.

Haley, a shy, brown-haired tomboy who loves surfing and hates wearing dresses, realizes the consequences of taking a wheat wafer. "I'm on a gluten-free diet because I can't have wheat. I could die," she said last week.

Last year, as the third grader approached Holy Communion age in this Jersey Shore town, her mother told officials at St. Denis Catholic Church in Manasquan that the girl could not have the standard host.

After the church's pastor refused to allow a substitute, a priest at a nearby parish volunteered to offer one, and in May, Haley wore a white Communion dress and received the sacrament alongside her mother, who had not taken Communion since she herself was diagnosed with the disease.

Last month, the diocese told the priest that the church would not validate Haley's sacrament because of the substitute wafer.

# N.Y. official objects to new alcohol machine

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It hasn't even arrived, and already some people want it banned.

A machine that combines alcohol and oxygen to create an inhalable alcoholic mist is set to debut in New York City this weekend, but Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano wants a local or state ban against it because he worries it will attract underage drinkers.

Spano said the Alcohol Without Liquid Machine would harm efforts to force down underage teen drinking and driving under the influence.

"This is really attractive to youngsters," Spano told the Journal News of Westchester in Thursday's editions.

"It's portable, and it will wind up at parties with kids. ... We don't want it in Westchester, and in fact, we don't want it in the state."

drunkenness at school events and some police raids on home drinking parties.

The machine, created in England and already in use in other parts of the world, has users wear a mask and breathe in the alcohol vapor. Promoters praise it for inducing a sense of well-being and say it doesn't lead to hangovers.

The machine is set to show up at the Truist Lounge in Manhattan on Friday. Its American distributor is Spirit Partners, of North Carolina.

Kevin Morse of Spirit told the newspaper, "It's just a fun new way for adults to experience alcohol."

He said the machines were being sold to bars and individuals, at a cost between \$3,000 and \$3,600.

"A lot of people haven't seen the machine yet and are acting off of a lot of rumors," he said.

No bars in Westchester have bought the machine, but Spano said his concern was that any venue offering it would have a difficult time keeping track of how much alcohol a customer was using.

Spano isn't the only elected official to be concerned about the machines. Suffolk County Legislator Jon Cooper had said last month he wanted to keep them out of that county, and that the county Legislature would be discussing it at upcoming meetings.



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# McDonald's Happy Meals mark a quarter century

BY MATT SEDENSKY  
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bob Bernstein's 9-year-old son ate the same cereal from the same box every morning and stared at the packaging so intently, it gave Bernstein, an advertising executive, a great idea. "I got to think," Bernstein recalled from his office at Bernstein-Rein Advertising Inc., "kids want something to do while they're eating."

And so the McDonald's Happy Meal, a huge monogram, was the fast-food company's new, born, pairing a child-size meal with a tiny toy. The product, tested for two years, went into national release 25 years ago.

Happy Meals lure millions of children to McDonald's Corp. restaurants, and also bring in sales from parents who pick up a Big Mac or Chicken McNuggets for themselves when they stop in. Happy Meals are served at 31,000 restaurants in more than 100 countries and have made McDonald's the world's biggest distributor of toys.

Marketing experts agree, it was brilliant.

"Happy Meals proved that you could actually 'brand' a meal and make kids harass their parents for it," said Adam Hanft, president of Hanft Raboy & Partners, a

New York advertising and marketing firm.

Exactly as Bernstein had planned.

"My feeling was if you get the children to think about McDonald's, mom would bring them there," he said.

What set the meal apart was the

ketting Toolkit for Growing Businesses.

"But with the advent of the Happy Meal, it also became a very convenient toy store," Lipe said.

Bernstein's firm had been working with McDonald's franchisees for 10 years when he was challenged to create a promotion that would bring children back under the golden arches.

He holds the patent for the product's packaging and a bronze Happy Meal in his office — a gift from McDonald's on the meal's 10th anniversary — thanks him "for bringing the Happy Meal, a bold idea, to the McDonald's system."

Still, McDonald's credits Dick Brans, its former advertising manager in St. Louis, as "Father of the Happy Meal." He asked Bernstein to develop a children's meal concept, McDonald's says.

The Happy Meal — with a burger, fries, soft drink, toy and cookies (no longer included) — debuted in St. Louis, Kansas City, Phoenix and Las Vegas in 1977. It was tested in four other markets before being released nationally in the summer of 1979.

way it paired food and entertainment — an idea later advanced with McDonald's addition of play areas.

"Up until that point, McDonald's was just a restaurant," said Jay Lipe, a marketing consultant who authored "The Mar-

# Low-carb food craze may be thinning out

BY MONICA SOTO OUCHI  
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Is the low-carb diet revolution toast? At a time when Atkins and South Beach have pervaded the national consciousness, local and national grocery stores express concern that interest in the low-carb lifestyle may have plateaued.

At Fred Meyer grocery stores, sales of low-carb products featured in its nutrition departments have dipped since May, while similar products sold in other aisles are selling moderately well.

The grocery chain declines to give exact figures, but one thing is certain: "People are buying bread again," said Mary Loftin, spokeswoman for Fred Meyer stores. "They're making big ol' hoagie sandwiches."

The drop in interest appears true for other food, drug and mass-merchandise stores nationwide.

According to market research firm ACNielsen, first-quarter sales of carb-conscious products, excluding Wal-Mart, rose a whopping 122.4 percent over the fourth quarter of 2003 to \$402.9 million. But growth slowed in the second quarter, with sales at \$515.3 million, a 27.9 percent rise when compared with the quarter before.

Reasons for the slowdown vary, depending upon whom you ask. Some retail experts say the market was deluged with too many products at once; oth-

ers cite studies showing that interest in the diet has reached its peak.

While the percentage of those on a low-carb diet has remained steady the past six months at 11-12 percent of the U.S. adult population, the percentage of low-carb lifestyle consumers — those who merely restrict their carbs — has dropped steadily, from 32 percent of U.S. adults in April to 21 percent in July, according to market research firm Opinion Dynamics.

Matt Wiatt, who heads marketing for Atkins Nutritional, said grocery stores saw a mass influx of low-carb products during the first six months of the year as large food manufacturers jumped into the game. (At a Food Marketing Institute trade show in May, three-fourths of the new products introduced by small and large food manufacturers carried low-carb labels.) With too many products in the marketplace, Wiatt said he expects to see a shakeout.

Robert McMath, founder and chairman emeritus of Ann Arbor, Mich.-based NewProductWorks, a product-development consulting firm, considers the low-carb diet a trend like many others.

He remembers when Americans shunned salt.

"I'm 73," McMath said. "I have to tell you, I've seen an awful lot of things come and go, and America has a very short attention span. The hottest word in the American language is 'new.'"

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## IN THE WORLD

# Bangladesh bombs kill 14 and injure hundreds at rally

BY FARID HOSSAIN  
The Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh — A series of bombs exploded at an opposition rally in Bangladesh's capital Saturday, killing at least 14 people and injuring hundreds, witnesses and news reports said.

The blasts occurred as the main opposition leader, Sheikh Hasina, was addressing the rally from atop a truck outside her Awami League party's headquarters in central Dhaka. She was unhurt, her aides said.

At least 14 people were killed and more than 300 injured, including senior opposition members, United Nations of Bangladesh reported.

The death toll could increase as some of the injured were in critical condition, hospital doctors said, adding that one opposition

member, Ivy Rahman, had lost her legs.

No one claimed responsibility for the blasts, but Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil claimed they targeted Hasina. Visibly shaken, Hasina crouched low in the truck soon after the first blast, a witness said.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia condemned the "dastardly attack on a political rally," and said her government will try to find those responsible. "People were covered with blood. Many injured were crying for help," said Mohammad Yasin, a rickshaw driver near the scene of the blasts.

"It was so ghastly and so terrible that I've no words to describe," said Farook Khan, an opposition lawmaker who was standing close to Hasina.

"It seemed to me that some of the bombs were thrown from mul-



AP photos

**Above: Bangladesh main opposition leader Sheikh Hasina speaks minutes before a series of bomb blasts in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Saturday. Right: An Awami League activist cries after the attack. At least 14 people were killed and hundreds hurt, including senior opposition members.**

tivity buildings near the scene," he said, estimating that at least 15,000 people were at the rally when the explosions happened.

Doctors at Dhaka's state-run hospital appealed for blood and said they were overwhelmed with the arrival of so many injured peo-



ple.

Angry opposition supporters smashed or burned dozens of passing vehicles to protest the attack. Police fired tear gas to disperse the rampaging crowd, witnesses said.

Police and paramilitary troops patrolled the streets in central Dhaka as protesters took to the streets, shouting anti-government slogans. Violence spread to dozen other cities and towns, where protesters smashed vehicles and attacked shops, witnesses said.

## Ireland agrees to pay troops for ear damage

BY SHAWN POGATCHNIK  
The Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland — Ireland has paid 1 million euro to more than 15,000 soldiers who claim they suffered hearing damage from weapons training, the government announced Friday.

Current and former members of Ireland's army began suing the government in 1995 in pursuit of hefty payouts for alleged eardrum damage.

The scandal highlighted sloppy health and safety practices within the 11,500-member force, which didn't use modern ear protectors on firing

ranges until 1987. It also focused public criticism on army veterans, who were often accused of playing deaf for self-gain.

Defense Minister Michael Smith said government lawyers were still receiving an average of one new claim each week, but said the total liability was likely to be around a million, much less than feared.

"At one stage this looked as if it would be a never-ending saga that would cost the taxpayer over 1 billion euro," Smith said. "I am delighted and relieved that this has not proven to be the case."

## Study: Plant-like creature may be oldest animal form

BY DAVID PERLMAN  
San Francisco Chronicle

They look for all the world like feathery plants anchored to the bed of an ancient, long-vanished sea, but to fossil hunters they are the oldest evidence of complex life forms that ever emerged on Earth.

And — most probably — they represent the world's first true animals, according to Guy Narbonne, a paleontologist at Queen's University in Ontario who discovered the latest examples of the strange and controversial creatures.

Known as rangeomorphs, they were a worldwide clan that lived and evolved nearly 600 million years ago, thrived briefly, and then faded to extinction long before a time — millions of years later — when animal forms in all their variety exploded into existence and began the long eons of evolution.

Narbonne reports that he has found "an exquisitely preserved fossil assemblage" of the creatures in a rock formation along the fogbound shore of northeastern Newfoundland. When alive, they must indeed have been animals, he concludes in a report published in the current issue of the journal *Science*.

James Valentine, a noted University of California-Berkeley expert on the evolution of long-extinct organisms, agrees that the fossils were once truly living animals — feeding and reproducing but not necessarily moving from place to place. They are perhaps

descended from even more ancient sponges, he said.

The rangeomorphs lived from 560 million to 575 million years ago, in a geologic period known as the Ediacaran. As Narbonne said in an interview Thursday, "They ruled the earth for 15 million years before they vanished inexplicably."

The succeeding period, the Cambrian, took center stage from 460 million to 543 million years ago. That was a time, known as the "Cambrian explosion," when virtually every variety of ancestral animals — hard-shelled, leggy or soft-bodied — emerged in what to geologists and paleontologists classify as a brief time span.

The origins and evolution of complex organisms have long been a subject of great controversy among scientists who seek the enigmatic fossil evidence for early life.

But in a commentary on Narbonne's report, also published in *Science*, two Oxford University paleontologists say his discovery suggests that "the study of the life history and growth plan of these fossil animals could provide a Rosetta stone for decoding [ancient] animal evolution."

Oxford's Martin Brasier and Jonathan Antcliffe declare Narbonne's strange plant-like creatures "were not ancestral to Cambrian life at all," but "were uniquely fashioned beasts that met their doom at the end of the Precambrian" — a broad span of time from Earth's formation to the beginning of the Cambrian period.

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# Apple's iPod finds success on giant Sony's home turf

BY YURI KAGEYAMA  
The Associated Press

**TOKYO** — When Sony Corp. President Kunitake Ando showed off the new Walkman meant to counter the assault by Apple's iPod portable music player, he held the prized gadget at the gala event upside down.

That may have been a bad omen.

The iPod is proving a colossal hit on the Japanese electronics and entertainment giant's own turf. The tiny white machine is catching on as a fashion statement and turning into a cultural icon in Japan, much the same way it won a fanatic following in the United States.

Apple Computer Inc. has launched a marketing campaign in Japan with catchy TV ads and billboards painted on Tokyo trains. It opened its first Apple store in Tokyo's glitzy Ginza late last year and is opening another in the city of Osaka this month.

When the colorful and smaller iPod mini went on sale in July, more than 1,000 people waited for the store to open. The waiting list for minis is now several weeks long.

Although Apple doesn't release regional sales figures, six of the top eight selling music players in Japan are iPod models, according to GfK Japan, a market research company.

Its white earbuds are so well-known, just wearing them on Tokyo streets can make passers-by smile approvingly. iPod chat pervades Internet bulletin boards. The mini is such a hit, it's being offered as prizes in lotteries sponsored by drink and candy companies here.

Porter bags, a cool brand among Japanese youngsters, sells iPod carrying cases. Rock band Orange Range, hip-hop musician Makoto Sakurai and disc jockey Sugiurumi are iPod users.

"First of all, the iPod design is

cute," said movie star Shosuke Tanibara, who listens to Prince and Janet Jackson with his iPod while cooking pasta at home or driving his Mercedes.

"Japanese electronics products may come packed with a lot of functions, but they usually have more buttons and their designs are cluttered."

Last month, Sony unveiled the hard-drive Network Walkman — a product that goes head-to-head against the iPod and promises longer battery life.

It was at that event Ando showed it the wrong side up — an error that has Apple officials smirking. Sony will not release sales figures for Network Walkman, but says they're meeting targets.

Sony marketing manager Atsushi Kubota said his company wants to promote a wide range of music players in the Walkman lineup, including various types of disks and memory cards, not just the hard drive. Global Walkman



Japanese shoppers try out colorful iPod minis at an Apple store in Tokyo's Ginza district Thursday. The iPod is proving a colossal hit with Japanese lately — right on Japanese electronics and entertainment giant Sony's own turf.

sales still total 20 million a year, according to Sony, compared with more than 3.7 million iPods shipped worldwide so far.

"We want to push the advantages of each type of medium," Kubota said.

The iPod craze in Japan is happening even though Apple doesn't offer the music download service iTunes Music Store.

Apple will offer the Japanese equivalent of iTunes within the

next year, with prices comparable to the 99 cents a tune it charges in the United States. Apple vice president Yoshiaki Sakito, a former Sony employee, said in an interview at Apple's Tokyo headquarters. That's almost certain to change the music download industry in Japan by winning over those who now opt for cheaper CD rentals they can record onto MDs at home. Commercial downloads cost about \$2.30 a tune in Japan.



Workers roll out the red carpet for the opening ceremony of the 10th Sarajevo Film Festival in the National Theater on Friday.

## Sarajevo film fest looks back on a war-defying beginning

BY AIDA KERKEZ-ROBINSON  
The Associated Press

**SARAJEVO**, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Sarajevo opened its annual film festival this weekend, celebrating the 10th anniversary of a cultural event that began as a simple act of defiance during the country's 3½-year war.

People lined up weeks ago to obtain tickets and organizers expected over 100,000 to watch 180 movies from 44 countries.

Hundreds of guests from the industry promised to attend, including John Malkovich, Mike Leigh and Gerard Depardieu.

It started when this Balkan capital was besieged by Serb forces positioned on the mountains surrounding the city during the 1992-1995 war. With people cut off and under attack, the festival was created to remind the world that Sarajevo was starved for culture as well as food.

"Ten years ago, the festival was an entertainment aimed at making Sarajevoans forget their misery for a moment, to lift them

above the cruel reality," said Amela Mulavdic, 43, a government worker. "Today, they plan their vacations so that they don't miss it."

At the first festival, about 15,000 movie-goers dodged sniper fire to attend screenings in a downtown basement. The feature film, "Pulp Fiction," proved memorable because the boom of explosions outside offered a backdrop for the ones on the screen.

Ten years later, the rumbling of fire works has replaced the exploding mortar shells. A 2,500-seat open-air cinema replaced the basement. Celebrities are set to stroll a red carpet at a gala Saturday evening event.

"I was dreaming back then of organizing a film festival, but I could have never thought it would grow into something this big," said Miro Purić, who has been the director of the festival since its beginning.

The festival gives moviegoers from southeastern Europe the chance to network and find distributors for their work.

## Serving time — and food

### African prison opens new restaurant in cafeteria

BY LAURIE GORING  
Chicago Tribune

**CAPE TOWN**, South Africa — The waiters wear black bow ties, the steaks are thick and juicy, and the tables at night are bathed in candlelight. But the Pollsmoor Mess isn't your typical restaurant.

Behind the kitchen door, the cooks sport orange jumpsuits and tattoos. Tips to waiters are carefully controlled. And through one of the windows, behind a row of blooming trees, is a 30-foot-high fence of electric razor wire.

Pollsmoor Prison, the notorious Cape Town lockup where Nelson Mandela served part of his 27-year sentence, has dressed up its former guards' cafeteria and opened the new restaurant to the public.

Diners who don't mind a car search and a bit of questioning about their motives for visiting can enjoy surf and turf or a dozen other specialties, cooked and served by inmates.

The idea is to provide job training for some of Pollsmoor's more cooperative prisoners and break the cycle of recidivism that lands most ex-cons back in jail when they can't find work.

"If they can't get jobs, crime is always an option for them," said Abraham Bruintjies, the restaurant supervisor. "We want to make sure when they leave they have options."

Open for lunch seven days a week, and for dinner two evenings, the restaurant features a menu that includes buttery snails on toast; chicken cordon bleu; a seafood platter of mussels, shrimp, langoustines and calamari; and desserts from tartufo to banana splits.

Just as enticing as the food is the chance to chat with waiters in jail for home invasion, theft or other non-violent crimes.

"Inside [the cellblock], there's so much stress. You come here, and it's nicer," says Masheba Peter, 25, who's doing 6 years for stealing cars. "This is good work. You meet a lot of people and you get tips."

Inmates chosen for their cooperative attitude start work in the restaurant's kitchen washing dishes and scrubbing floors, and then move on to grilling, frying or other cooking tasks. Eventually, the most talented of them — those with the best English skills and most polished manner — move to the restaurant floor as waiters.

Prison staff members have worked hard to improve the former cafeteria's rather industrial ambience. Burgundy curtains adorn the windows, country-style wooden chairs surround tables swathed in laminated floral cloth and potted plants dot the corners.

Still, there are reminders that this is dinner behind bars. A small box on the menu warns that "it is illegal for any inmate to be in possession of money," so tips should be deposited in a box at the front, to be converted to credit at the prison commissary.

Prison officials, eager to bring more inmates into the training program, already have expansion plans in mind. The restaurant has begun playing host to and catering wedding receptions on weekends, a group of chalets — once reserved for visiting wardens — are open to visitors. There's also a driving range and a camper park available for vacationers on the prison grounds.

*"This is good work. You meet a lot of people and you get tips."*

**Masheba Peter**  
inmate at Pollsmoor Prison







## OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates.

### Old enough to care The Bellingham (Wash.) Herald

This time of year — with summer doldrums setting in as election season heats up — is a perfect opportunity for parents to speak with their kids on the responsibility that comes with democracy. It is a chance for parents to tell their kids about the issues that matter and stress the value of being informed.

While younger teenagers are unable to cast their own vote in the November election, they should be taught the value of activism and political interaction. Many issues of this year's election, both local and domestic, will directly impact young citizens. Moreover, before the age of 18, a teenager is welcome to become active in the election process by attending forums, writing letters and otherwise promoting a cause.

Teenagers already understand the basic model of democracy, a knowledge that they attained while text messaging their votes to "American Idol." During a single episode of "American Idol," viewers submitted more than 28 million votes — a figure that is triple the number of votes cast by the 18 to 24 age demographic in the 2000 presidential election.

Parents have the primary influence in a young adult's life to reverse this trend. ... It is only a matter of time before these adolescents become the leaders of our country.

### Bring on the monitors The Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville

This year's election will be the first presidential election to be monitored by an international organization.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, based in Vienna, Austria, consists of 55 nations. ... Group teams have observed more than 150 elections around the world and monitored the U.S. midterm elections of 2002.

Democrats who had pushed for the United Nations to monitor the upcoming U.S. elections are elated. Although they didn't expect what they wanted, they said the group's involvement will help ward off voter problems Florida and other states experienced during the 2000 presidential election.

Everyone wants elections to be as problem-free as possible. But anyone who thinks the presence of the OSCE is some sort of guarantee that voters and poll workers will make zero mistakes is likely to be disappointed.

The organization has no authority over the election process or its results. Nonetheless, at the invitation of the State Department, a contingent will arrive next month to plan how the election will be monitored.

As long as taxpayers aren't paying for the efforts and the monitors are not in the way, it shouldn't matter who monitors U.S. elections. Maybe the foreign contingent will do some constructive thinking on how elections should be conducted.

### FBI trading on free speech Times-Union, Albany, N.Y.

Who says the political conventions don't matter any more? The FBI sure is interested in the Republican convention in New York City next week.

The bureau has been particularly aggressive



sive in its questioning and surveillance of people who might be inclined to go to New York City to protest. One FBI employee already has complained that its efforts to obtain information about suspicious activity at other political and anti-war demonstrations make for a very fuzzy distinction between legally protected free speech and illegal activity. The point of the complaint was that the FBI is out of line to suggest that recruitment, organizing and fund-raising by anti-war groups and other political activists were tantamount to violent or otherwise illegal activity.

The arm of the Justice Department that's defending more intense surveillance of convention protests is known as the Office of Legal Policy. ... When it says, as it did in a memo recently obtained by The New York Times, that any First Amendment concerns raised by the FBI's monitoring of protesters is exceeded by the interests of safety and security, the public has reason to be wary. ...

... To guard against another Sept. 11 shouldn't require a war against all those who still wish to exercise their rights to gather and protest lawfully.

### Note to McGreevey: Just go Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle

Put aside, if you can, New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey's revelation that he is a "gay American" even as he announced his resignation, effective Nov. 15. The governor's sexual orientation, closeted as it apparently was, isn't the issue.

What is McGreevey's fitness to serve, given what's being learned about the stunning mismanagement that characterized his brief administration. He's a discredited leader who put unqualified cronies and would-be paramours in high-paying state jobs.

He himself contends that he's been blackmailed. And that's just what's known now. There will be more details, and they won't be pretty.

McGreevey has made an undeniable mess of things. He can redeem himself in part by stepping down now.

Here's a man, after all, who said he was resigning out of principle and concern for

the people of New Jersey and then threw in a condition that would ensure an essentially leaderless, and probably chaotic, state for weeks on end.

McGreevey was right to resign. But he's wrong to linger amid the wreckage.

### Charley a test of priorities Naples (Fla.) Daily News

We are here to help you. Rest assured every effort is being made. We are working around the clock for you.

So say state and federal officials to the hurting and homeless victims of Hurricane Charley. Those residents of Charlotte, Lee and DeSoto counties have just one question: So where's the help? How is that "help" finding us shelter or even something to eat? Or a sanitary toilet or a shower? The summer's most sweltering weather since Charley hit has pushed them to push for answers.

Even those of us who are not severely victimized by Charley grew weary of bureaucrats' promises broadcast over the weekend Press conferences in Tallahassee sounded like lineups of professional circle-tanks. No question brought a straight answer.

Imagine how that fares in the real world — far away from air-conditioned offices, next to the remains of mobile homes played wide open in 90-degree heat. ...

President Bush's surprise inspection of Charley's path of destruction and death tempts one to cast the recovery in a larger, political light: Has U.S. emergency planning become too focused on terrorism, at the expense of natural perils? Here is a chance to prove the skeptics wrong.

### Law can't be ignored The Advocate, Baton Rouge, La.

While it may be painful for the couples involved, the decision of the California Supreme Court to invalidate gay marriages performed in San Francisco this year is the correct one.

The unanimous court ruling enforced the principle that state law should not be set aside by local officials acting on their own.

Mayor Gavin Newsom and other city officials made a statement about their support

for civil marriage for gays and lesbians, a statement that provoked debate on the issue around the world.

But the court ruled unanimously that Newsom and his colleagues contravened state law. A 1977 state law defines marriage as the union of a man and a woman.

The court, in a separate 5-2 decision, voided the licenses issued by San Francisco. The court focused its ruling on the limits of local government authority, and did not resolve whether the California Constitution would permit a same-sex marriage. That question will have to wait as a flurry of lawsuits and countersuits over the gay weddings rises through the state's courts. ...

In the course of the civil-rights movement, which is somewhat comparable to today's debate on gay marriage, local officials sometimes defied what they considered unjust state laws. However, the courts have a duty to insist that laws should stand unless and until repealed, or found unconstitutional by a high court.

That is the proper way to address even the most controversial issue.

### Keep the Olympic flame going Observer-Dispatch, Utica, N.Y.

How nice to see the world at war again. This, however, is a peaceful war — an oxymoron that best describes the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

On the Olympic battlefield are fought some of the world's fiercest battles. But there is no intentional spilling of blood, no loss of life. And while there might be some gun-armament and even a little brutality, there is no real shame. Instead, these brave competitors face one another with a special pride of knowing that no matter what the outcome, they are among the very best in the world. ...

Here is a melting pot of cultures and creeds, where skin color goes unchecked across a level playing field in a remarkable demonstration of hard work, determination and perseverance.

It brings cheers. And tears. But in the end there is a luster far brighter than a gold, a silver or a bronze. It shines with a brilliance that can cut through a more troubled world, if only we could see the light. We must seize every opportunity to open the door to let it in.

## Jersey thief Lynched

**FL** TAMPA — A man was charged with stealing computer equipment, autographed footballs and jerseys from the John Lynch Foundation after a police officer noticed he was wearing one of the missing No. 47 jerseys, officials said.

Paul Dana Doucette, 37, of Boston, was charged with the burglary and grand theft Wednesday after police arrested him in an unrelated robbery and noticed his jersey.

"He was wearing a brand-new John Lynch jersey," said police Sgt. Buddy Brogden. "You know how ... they still have the creases in them because they haven't been washed? This was it."

The jerseys, footballs, and computer equipment, worth \$60,000, were stolen from the Tampa office of the former Buccaneers' charity for children on Aug. 13 during the evacuation for Hurricane Charley.

"Some of these criminals, it's obvious they aren't thinking," Brogden said.

## Suspected dog slaughter

**HI** HONOLULU — Police and the Hawaiian Humane Society said Thursday that they believe some dogs on Oahu may have been slaughtered for their meat.

The agencies have received calls about dogs being stolen and their meat sold.

"We are looking to see if anyone knows about an organized pattern of stealing and butchering it and marketing that dog flesh for food and some sort of area that would feed it to other individuals," Detective Letha DeCaires said.

Calls have come from all over the island, including Waikiki, she said. Dog owners are disgusted.

"There's a lot of cruelty to animals besides this, but this is just appalling," pet owner Joanne Humphreys said.

## Island illness

**OH** PUT-IN-BAY — More than 300 people appear linked to a mysterious illness including nausea, fever and vomiting in recent weeks on Lake Erie's South Bass Island, health officials said.

Health officials have documented 301 cases and are investigating 94 other claims of illnesses, Ohio Department of Health spokesman Kristopher Weiss said Thursday.

Most of the people had visited the island in the first two weeks of the year, but some cases go back to early June, he said. So far, health officials have not found a source.

Symptoms including nausea, chills, fever, abdominal cramps and vomiting have generally lasted about 24 hours. Most people said they became sick within two or three days of visiting the island.

## Weird phenomenon

**NJ** NEWARK — New Jersey is not the only weird state.

Weird N.J., the cult newsletter that became a magazine that became a best-selling book, has broadened its abnormal horizons, as a new book, "Weird U.S.: Your Traveler's Guide to America's Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets."

After publishing the Weird N.J. newsletter and then magazine for a decade, Bloomfield-based authors



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Mark Moran and Mark Sceurman last year compiled the state's weirdness in a book, "Weird N.J."

Now, the success of the book has led the pair to catalogue some unexplained, creepy, offbeat places and folklore throughout the country in "Weird U.S.," published by Barnes & Noble Books, and due out in October.

How will readers know where to draw the line between fact and fantasy in the book? "That's up to you," the authors suggest. "We document them because we believe they are an important and intrinsic part of our modern American culture and worthy of recognition as such."

## Swest college housing

**MO** HANNIBAL — How's this for swank student housing: Come live in the president's place! The president of Hannibal-LaGrange College and his wife have turned their home over to about a dozen female students due to a housing crunch.

It's the first time in a half-century that someone other than the president has lived in the president's house.

Woodrow Burt and his wife, Katherine, an English professor, have opted for temporary housing, and said they'll look soon for something more permanent.

The students who will live in the president's house are seniors.



## Feeding time

Jenna Adams, of Myakka, Fla., feeds by syringe a 2-5 day old squirrel that was dropped off at the animal rescue facility D.A.R.T. in Punta Gorda, Fla.

## Alleged ring

**TX** AUSTIN — A federal grand jury has indicted an Austin woman who authorities say ran a prostitution ring using women and girls smuggled into the United States from Mexico.

Maria Magdalena Lopez-Torres had been sought by federal authorities for about a year on human smuggling and weapons charges before she was arrested last month when she tried to renew her resident status in San Antonio.

Lopez was born in San Luis Potosi and is a permanent resident of the United States.

The federal indictment handed up Tuesday charges Lopez with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a stolen firearm and importation of aliens for immoral purpose. She faces up to 10 years in prison on each count.

## Rabid otter attack

**NY** PUTNAM VALLEY — A rabid otter latched onto, and bit, a 6-year-old boy who was taking swimming lessons at a small public lake Wednesday.

Police said Ethan Pederson emerged from the water with the otter hanging onto his back and legs. Lifeguards wrestled it off, but the animal ran in and out of the water several times, chasing after others in the class, police said.

Putnam County Sheriff's deputies were called to the lake about 11:15 a.m. Lifeguards finally trapped the animal under a plastic crate, and a deputy shot it dead. Police said the Putnam County Department of Health reported a positive rabies test.

Pederson was treated for hand and back wounds as well as for rabies.

## Boulder crushes teen

**CA** MURRIETA — A 17-year-old high-school senior was crushed to death when the large boulder he was standing on suddenly broke loose from its base, threw him to the ground and rolled over him, witnesses and authorities said.

The dead teenager, Andrew Hahn, was boulder-begging with his brother and two friends when the accident took place. Police Sgt. Jim Ganley said the accident occurred in a rugged and inaccessible section of the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve.

## Naked, or nude colored?

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — A sheriff's deputy under investigation for allegedly sitting naked in public has resigned. Prosecutors have declined to file charges in his case, citing lack of evidence.

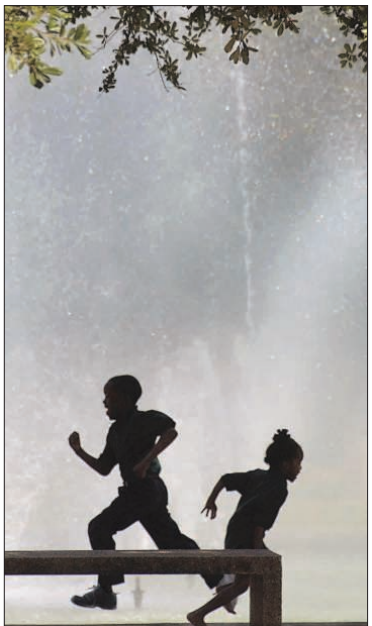
Sheriff Aaron Kennard received Deputy Darrell Magee's resignation letter, which stated "he was basically rethinking his career," said sheriff's Sgt. Rosie Rivera.

Magee allegedly took off his clothes and sat naked, cross-legged, for 30 seconds on a lawn Tuesday morning, according to two witnesses who talked to police. He then got dressed and drove off. Magee denied he wasn't naked. He told detectives he was wearing an undergarment similar to his skin color as he conducted a short religious ritual.



## Cool present

Mei Sheng, the San Diego Zoo's giant panda cub, gets a grip — and a tongue — on an ice sculpture of a number one to celebrate the cub's first birthday.

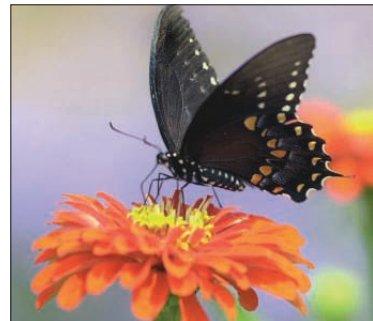


## Fountain fun

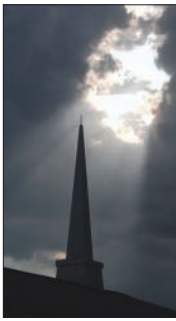
Brother and sister Garrick Green, 6, left, and Justice Green, 5, play chase while running around the Centroplex fountain, enjoying the pleasant weather in Baton Rouge, La.



**In hog heaven?** A sow pig stands in floodwater on Cindy Grabrian's farm in Thornton, Colo. Grabrian's farm flooded due to heavy rains the day before in the Denver, dropping up to 3 inches of rain in some areas.



**Drink up** A black swallowtail butterfly perches on a zinnia as it takes a drink of nectar at Sunflower Farms in Westminster, Md.



**Ray of light** Evening sunlight breaks through the rain clouds to bathe the First Baptist church steeple in Kempner, Texas.



**Not just for plowing anymore** A passer-by watches as a John Deere motor from 1910 churns buckets full of ice and other ingredients into ice cream to be sold at Newell's Homemade Ice Cream at the Rooks county fair in Stockton, Kan.

## Times Square debris falls

**NY** NEW YORK — Two people were slightly injured when a marble tile fell from the facade of the Times Square building that hosts the famed New Year's Eve ball drop.

Renovations were under way at One Times Square when debris fell from the tower at about 9:20 a.m. Thursday, authorities said. Two pedestrians, a man and a woman, suffered cuts and bruises, according to newspaper reports. The fire department said no one was hospitalized.

The city's Buildings Department said the building's owner, Sherwood Equities, did not have a permit for the work. The department ordered the renovations stopped and issued a citation for work without a permit.

The 25-story tower has hosted New Year's Eve celebrations since its 1904 opening, with the ball drop beginning three years later.

## Louisiana airport plans

**LA** LAPLACE — The Louisiana Airport Authority said a team of Canadian and U.S. companies is ready to move forward on a proposed multibillion-dollar airport project. The authority is attempting to develop a huge cargo airport and transportation hub between Baton Rouge and New Orleans. The Canadian team will refine the master plan created in recent years by the authority.

## Texaco spill settlement

**MT** GREAT FALLS — A Cascade County jury has ordered Texaco to pay \$15 million to finish cleaning up a 1955 gasoline pipeline spill in the small town of Sunburst, and \$25 million in punitive damages for not doing it sooner. The class-action lawsuit involved an underground plume of contaminants at the now-defunct Sunburst Works Refinery.

## Underground tank checks

**NJ** TRENTON — The state has started regular inspections of its 22,000 underground storage tanks, thanks to voters' approval of a referendum setting aside funds. The \$2 million per year is paying 18 inspectors to make sure each tank is checked every three years.

Officials say millions of New Jerseyans get their drinking water from aquifers that are vulnerable to pollution from leaking tanks.

## Unemployment optimism

**IL** CHICAGO — Illinois' unemployment rate rose to 6.1 percent in July, yet state officials said Thursday that the figure reflects a rebounding economy. Officials at the Illinois Department of Employment Security said July's rate mirrors a three-month average unemployment rate of 6.1 percent. The agency also says jobs have steadily opened up in several sectors, including educational and health services, and trade, transportation and utilities.

## Prison growth rate slows

**SD** PIERRE — The state prison population continues to expand, but the rate of growth has slowed. The prison population averaged 3,059 in the past fiscal year, a growth rate of 3.6 percent, ac-

ording to Laurie Feiler, the deputy state corrections secretary. That's half the annual pace of a decade earlier. Feiler said the growth rate has slowed because inmates are getting shorter sentences and more are being paroled.

## Couple found fatally shot

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — A soon-to-be married couple reported missing when they didn't return to their jobs as camp counselors were found shot to death on a beach, apparently in their sleep, authorities said.

The bodies of Lindsay Cutshall, 23, of Ohio, and Jason Allen, 26, of Michigan, were discovered in sleeping bags by sheriff's deputies who were rescuing a stranded hiker.

Police believe the couple had been camping in the Jenner area, about 75 miles up the coast from San Francisco, since Saturday. Authorities do not know when the couple was killed.

The two were spending the summer working at a Christian adventure camp in Coloma, in the Sierra foothills about 50 miles east of Sacramento.

## Teacher bonuses

**AR** LITTLE ROCK — As many as 500 college students will get up to \$6,000 annually if they agree to become teachers in understaffed subjects and areas of the state, Lt. Gov. Win Rockefeller said. The State Teacher Assistance Resource, or STAR, program will award money on the condition that students agree to teach math, science or a foreign language or to focus on special education. If they are willing to work in areas of Arkansas with critical teacher shortages.

## Indian voter registration

**ID** LAPWAI — The National Congress of American Indians is working to register Nez Perce tribal members to vote. The movement is part of a nationwide effort led by the National Congress of American Indians to get 1 million of the nation's 2.7 million eligible Indian voters to the polls in November. The effort is billed as bipartisan, but the group also intends to provide candidate score cards relating to important Indian issues.

## TV-watching record

**MI** GRAND RAPIDS — A pair of teenagers who spent more than two straight days publicly glued to a television set say they have set a new world record for uninterrupted TV viewing.

Chris Dean, 16, and Mike Dudek, 17, both of Grand Rapids, logged 52 consecutive hours of viewing time.

The teens, who are incoming high school seniors, surpassed the Guinness World Records mark of 50 hours and seven minutes by nearly two hours — giving new meaning to "must-see TV."

The teens set up their television inside an International House of Pancakes restaurant because it is open 24 hours a day and the management was willing to participate. According to rules set by Guinness, Dean and Dudek were required to remain awake with their eyes always on the screen.

Stories and photos from wire services



## Sunday Horoscope

The sun transiting into the nurturing sign of Virgo marks the beginning of an extremely productive cycle. Virgo is an expert at correcting, improving and adding any elements that will ultimately contribute to growth. This evergreen energy can be directed toward a special project, a relationship or an area of your life that needs attention.

Joyce Jilison



**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 22)** Your optimistic approach to relationships gives you many wonderful memories this year. You're enriched by what people bring to your life when living—in fact, maybe it's never a good day for that.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Loved ones need to shine and may seem to eclipse your light for a short while. Your graciousness will be long remembered. It's not a good day to use your cell phone while driving—in fact, maybe it's never a good day for that.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** The star is augmented by everything you read and absorb. A friend who has known you forever will remind you of past lessons—as if you needed someone to do that. It's a double insurance you won't repeat the mistake.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** Most of your day is spent catering to the needs of your loved ones, but that's also where your satisfaction is greatest. Tonight, do what will awaken your senses. Knowing your limits will allow you to make the most of a situation.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** You're good creative energy to burn off and could produce something outstanding while merely fooling around.

People around you add to the magic. They feel free to express themselves, and you get the benefit of that mood.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Old-fashioned values and manners are seriously underrated by most people, but not you. Your attention

to social rules may seem to go unappreciated, but truly classy people take note. You go down on an "A" list of sorts.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You're sensitive to subtle energy shifts, which will help you navigate family complications. You could very well be the one who makes everyone get along.

The tone you set is infectious. A Capricorn romance is all consuming.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Think before speaking, and ignore pressure that salesmen and spouses may put on you. That goes away, but debt will linger on. Singles, don't move in with aggressive energy. Give elusive dates space, and they'll return later.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** Your affinity for people who think like you is matched only by your fascination with people who don't. Welcome diversity in all areas of your life. The more influences you have, the better you'll be able to express yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You're in a position to criticize and may even be asked or paid to give your opinion. But just when you judge what is outside yourself, you might see it reflected inside. Apply your moral compass to only your own situation.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** There will be no shortage of events in which to test your social (or possibly psychic) skills. The jovial atmosphere includes a bit of mischief that's not to be taken too seriously. Be a good sport. Tonight, be quick to forgive.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You're the ray of hope. You can change people's thinking by painting a picture of a better future.

It's OK for you to want nice things and a luxurious environment. Don't be ashamed of your outstanding taste.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** You're fearless and could be the perfect "guinea pig" for trying a new technique or method. Many prospects don't help you as much as one you go on with. Some restrictions can be more liberating than wide-open options.

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## 'Bona fides' is deceiving

Shouldn't "bona fides" be a plural word, and appear with a plural verb?

"Bona fides" looks like a plural word in English, since it ends with that "s," but in Latin there is no such thing as a single "bona fide." Rather, "bona fides" is a singular noun that literally translates as "good faith."

When "bona fides" entered English in the mid-17th century, it at first stayed very close to its Latin use—it was found mostly in legal contexts, and it meant "honesty or business of purpose," as well as "good faith, or sincerity," just as it did in Latin. It also retained its singular construction. Some-

one using this original sense might speak of "a claimant whose bona fides is unquestionable," for example.

However, in the 20th century, use of "bona fides" began to weaken, and it began to appear with a plural verb in certain contexts. For example, a sentence such as "the informant's bona fides were satisfactory" is not possible. So the short answer is that while "bona fides" isn't necessarily a word that "shouldn't" be used with a plural, it's certainly possible and acceptable to do so.

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## Child's friend makes impolite remarks about other people

**Dear Abby:** I have a friend I'll call Cameron. Cameron is a very judgmental person. My mom watches her every movement.

Mom doesn't like the fact that Cameron is always saying how dumb and stupid people are when she sees them pass by. Mom is going to talk to her and tell her to straighten up, or she can't come over next summer. If that happens, I know Cameron will come to me why she can't.

What do I tell her? If I tell her the truth, I'll offend her. I'm afraid she'll be mad at me and not want to be my friend anymore. I don't want to lose my friendship with her because she makes me laugh.

— Worried in Denver

**Dear Worried:** When your mother talks to your friend about her behavior, she'll be doing the girl a favor. If Cameron feels the need to ask you why she's no longer welcome, you should tell her the truth. Her behavior is obnoxious.

People who act that way usually do it because they think it makes them look superior. In reality, it's a tip-off that the person is insecure.

Dear Abby



**Dear Abby:** After my separation and divorce, I have a relationship with a man I'll call "Austen." He was in financial trouble and asked me to take out a loan of \$15,000 for him, since I have good credit. He claimed that if he could get himself "straightened out," we could have a brighter future.

After two years of emotional abuse, I finally ended the relationship with Austen. It has been several months, and he is consistently late making the monthly payments. Last month, he told me that since I won't resume the relationship, I can go to hell and said not to call him again.

I am now stuck with the burden of paying off the loan.

Any ideas how to persuade Austen to fulfill his responsibility?

— Feels Like a Sucker, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

**Dear Feels:** Unless his name is on the loan document, the financial responsibility is all yours. Consider what happened to be very expensive tuition in the school of experience. I'll bet you don't make that mistake again.

## Readers respond to G.I. in Iraq was disowned by father

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Seeking Acceptance in Iraq," the soldier whose father treats him as "dead" because they disagree about the war.

As president of the national veterans' organization VietNow, I was at first appalled that a fellow Vietnam veteran would do the very thing to his own son that much of the country did to us when we returned home. However, there may be more going on.

This officer's father may be dealing silently with some of the baggage of his own service, and those feelings are now being brought to the surface because of his son's choices. I hope and pray that someday soon, this father will be able to put his arms around his son and tell him he is proud of him and "welcome home." There will be plenty of time for history to sort out the politics of this current war. Right now, we need to do everything we can to support our troops.

— Rich Sanders (vietnow.com)  
**Dear Rich Sanders:** We were heartened by the outpouring of mail for this officer. Our readers are extremely grateful to know that he is in their thoughts and prayers. Read on for a sampling:

Annie's Mailbox



**From the Midwest:** How sad that this father has chosen to cut communication and love from his son when he needs it more than ever.

Dad should be proud that his son follows through with his commitments, and demonstrates great loyalty, determination and dedication. Our children make choices with the values and morals we teach them. That father should support his son's dedication, even if he does not support the war. To this soldier I say: Stay strong and come home alive. You have family around the world, not just at home.

**Denver:** What would be his father's biggest regret if he got the worst news any parent could receive? That his last words to his son were, "You're dead to me." Those are powerful words, especially when it's too late to take them back. It's much harder to ask for forgiveness standing at your son's grave than it is when he's standing in front of you.

**St. Paul, Minn.:** Your response seems to side more with the son than the father. This father has recognized that President Bush misled everyone about weapons of mass destruction to justify the Iraq war.

Dad does not have to compro-

**Dear Abby:** I am a 33-year-old mother of two. I have been in a relationship with a married 41-year-old man for four years.

About a year and a half ago, he filed for divorce and had her served with the papers. She signed them, but she signed in the wrong spot.

He went back to his lawyer's office and got new papers for her to sign, but for some reason he has not pursued it.

The lawyer's office finally sent a letter saying that they're going to dismiss the case if he doesn't come back and file to have her served by the constable. I told him I would give him the \$350, but he hasn't taken me up on my offer. What do you think I should do?

— Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired

**Dear Sick and T:** For openers, forget about marrying him. He's still married.

Let me tell you, that's the man who has a lack of money; what he lacks is motivation.

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mise his convictions about this civil war.

He should be praised for his patriotic stand against the war, and his son should recognize the true bravery of his father.

**Illinois:** I am absolutely dumbfounded that a man who served in Vietnam could react so poorly to his own son. I thought we learned that you don't have to agree with a war to support those brave men and women who fight on our behalf. To all those who serve, please come home safely. For those who don't, the war was a mistake, the army officer is an honorable man, doing his duty and living his life the best way he can. I would be glad to be a substitute father and give him all the emotional support he needs.

— Lt. Col.

**Air Force Reserves, Ret.**

**Connecticut:** My daughter is a member of the Army National Guard, and she just returned home from a year's deployment in Iraq. She told me that what kept her morale up was the support she received from her family and friends. As much as I didn't want my daughter to go, it isn't about me. It's my proud of her.

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## RELIGION

## Military's Wiccans seek understanding

BY RANDY MYERS  
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WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — After U.S. military personnel pelted American Vulture service members in Iraq with bottles and rocks as they worshipped in a sacred circle, the Pentagon turned to Patrick McCollum of Moraga, Calif. The chaplain, a national expert on the Earth-based Wicca religion, conjured a little Wicca 101 for the troops.

Most Americans glean their Wicca knowledge from TV's "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" or "Charmed," with their witches and curses, good and evil. Wicca worship focuses on respect for the Earth and its inhabitants with a "do no harm" credo. "Education is the single most powerful tool" in dealing with misunderstandings in the military, McCollum said.

Wiccans represent a small fraction of the military, but the Pentagon wants to accommodate their faith. The military trains chaplains to meet the religious needs of all servicemen without compromising their own religious beliefs, said Col. Richard Hum, executive director of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board at the Defense Department.

That's where McCollum and a few other Wiccans come in as on-call Pentagon advisers. The military has sought his advice three or four times since he started after Sept. 11, 2001, he said.

## WICCAN SYMBOLS

■ **The pentacle:** The five-pointed star in a circle is the symbol most often associated with Wicca. Four points represent elements, the topmost the spirit.

■ **The circle:** A sacred space that can be drawn nearly anywhere. It keeps out unwelcome energy and represents the equivalent of a congregation.

■ **The coven:** A group of Wiccans who regularly meet to participate in the rites, magic, study and celebration of the religion. Not all Wiccans are part of a coven, some practice by themselves.

An advisory team became a Pentagon priority when Wicca military personnel reported problems while conducting rites and religious activities. The Wiccans said that some chaplains were trying to convert them and that commanding officers made it difficult to practice, McCollum said.

Wiccans also have been pressuring the Department of Veterans Affairs to allow a Wiccan emblem, most likely the pentacle, for armed forces burial headstones or markers. Mike Nacinick of Veterans Affairs said the department authorizes 38 emblems, including one for atheists, but none for Wiccans.

An extensive Internet network links McCollum with the faithful.

Wiccans exist in nearly all military branches, some in the top ranks, he said. The Air Force attracts the most, with 1,552 of enlisted personnel identifying themselves as Wiccans, said Lt. Col. Ellen Krenke, a Defense Department spokeswoman. The Marine Corps has 68. The Navy doesn't report numbers, and the Army lists no Wiccans, she said.

The Air Force recognized the religious categories of Pagan, Gardnerian Wiccan, Seax Wiccan, Dianic Wiccan, Shaman and Druid in 2000. Many bases now have circles and hold services. Dog tags also can identify a servicemember as Wiccan.

Wiccans had their first chaplain-service in 1997 at the Army's Fort Hood in Texas.

At Travis, Wiccan lay leader and high priest Lorie Pourner estimates that 60 Wiccans are among the nearly 11,300 enlisted men and women there.

Pourner began holding weekly informational meetings at Travis in 1996. The recently retired technical sergeant is lay leader for the roughly 15-member Travis Earth Circle. They observe eight sacred cycles of the year, called sabbats.

Practicing Wicca overseas can be challenging, especially in the desert, Pourner said. The Air Force sent him to Qatar on the Persian Gulf days after the Sept. 11 attacks. He used birthday candles and his canteen cup for religious rites.

DEBORAH COLEMAN,  
CONTRA COSTA TIMES/NRT

Retired Sgt. and Wiccan lay leader Lorie Pourner listens to Wiccans talk about their faith during a meeting at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, Calif. Wiccan ritual objects are in the foreground.

## Cave in Israel may be big biblical find

BY KARIN LAUB  
The Associated Press

KIBBUTZ TZUBA, Israel — Archaeologists think they've found a cave where John the Baptist baptized many of his followers — basing their theory on thousands of shards from ritual jugs, a stone used for foot cleansing and wall carvings telling the story of the biblical preacher.

Only a few artifacts linked to New Testament figures have ever been found in the Holy Land, and the cave is potentially a major discovery in biblical archaeology.

"John the Baptist, who was just a figure from the Gospels, now comes to life," British archaeologist Shimon Gibson said during an exclusive tour of the cave given by The Associated Press.

But some scholars said Gibson's finds aren't enough to support his theory, and one colleague said that short of an inscription with John's name in the cave, there could never be conclusive proof of his presence there.

John, a distant relative of Jesus — their mothers were kin, according to the Bible — was a fiery preacher with a message of repentance and a considerable following.

Tradition says he was born in the village of Ein Kerem, which today is part of modern Jerusalem. Just 2.5 miles away, on the lands of Kibbutz Tzuba, a communal farm, the cave lies hidden in a limestone hill — 24 yards long, four yards deep and four yards wide.

It was carved by the Israelites in the Iron Age, sometime between 800 B.C. and 500 B.C., the scientists said. It apparently was used from the start as a ritual immersion pool, preceding the Jewish tradition of the ritual bath.

Over the centuries, the cave filled with mud and sediment, leaving only a tiny opening that was hidden by trees and bushes.

Yet in recent years, it had occasional visitors — Reuven Kalifon, an immigrant from Cleveland who teaches Hebrew at the kibbutz, took his students speaking.

They would crawl through the narrow slit at the mouth of the cave, all the way to the back wall, though they saw nothing but dirt and walls. In December 1999, Kalifon asked Gibson, a friend, to take a closer look.

Gibson, who has excavated in the Holy Land for



Israeli archaeological site manager Rafi Lewis stands with his foot on a ceremonial stone in the cave where the excavation team believes John the Baptist anointed many of his disciples, on the Kibbutz Tzuba near Jerusalem.

more than 30 years, moved a few boulders near the walls and laid bare a crude carving of a head. Excited, he organized a full-fledged excavation.

Over the next five years, Gibson and his team, including volunteers from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, cleared out layers of soil, picking up about 250,000 shards from small jugs apparently used in purification rituals.

Crude images were carved on the walls, near the ceiling, and Gibson said they tell the story of John's life.

But the images are from the Byzantine era, apparently carved by monks who associated the site with John, following local folklore, Gibson and Bible scholar James Tabor said.

"Unfortunately, we didn't find any inscriptions" that would conclusively link the cave to John, said Tabor, from the University of North Carolina.

Stephen Pfann, a Bible scholar and president of the University of the Holy Land in Jerusalem, said Gibson has provided a plausible explanation for the unusual finds, but further study is needed.

## Switchfoot brings its music into mainstream

BY BRIAN BOWERS  
Stars and Stripes

Switchfoot has taken a huge step into the mainstream with the band's "The Beautiful Letdown" is currently at 16 and climbing on Billboard's album chart — not bad for a CD that's been out for a year and a half. The group also has released the DVD "Switchfoot live in San Diego."

These four guys from San Diego offer a hard-rocking look at our condition — explosively sinful, according to "Ammunition" — and the solution — outlined in the title track and "Redemption." The title track describes the beauty of the moment when life lets you down and you realize that only God can complete you. "Redemption" is a fast-paced call to God for salvation.

Frontman and primary songwriter Jon Foreman does an excellent job of outlining life's questions and conflicts and offering hope. He worked a biblical worldview and images into the lyrics — always pointing to something higher. It's a key difference between Switchfoot and the rest of the other music available in the mainstream market.

But good thoughts don't sell a lot of CDs. Good music does. And "The Beautiful Letdown" is packed with powerful guitar-driven rock, sprinkled with some slower, heartfelt melodies. "Meant To Live" blasts the message that we are meant for more than this world to offer. "Gone" is an ordinary look as the ephemeral nature of looks, wealth and fame. And "On Fire" is an introspective look at feeling God's presence.

It's music that earned Switchfoot three Dove awards from the



"The Beautiful Letdown"

Gospel Music Association earlier this year, including best rock/contemporary album.

Because of its recent success, the band is setting into the role of "crossover" act.

That's prompted a bit of edginess about the band's new link too closely to the Christian music industry, which might reduce mainstream appeal.

There have been the obligatory "we're not a Christian band — just a band of Christians" comments, a la Lifehouse. And the stance is also evident on the new DVD. The interviews and "teen-songs" comments deliver the band's message of hope, but they don't clearly tell what that hope involves. Those familiar with biblical imagery will figure it out quickly from the song lyrics. Those who aren't as familiar might wonder whether Switchfoot is referring to Christ or joining Madonna in dabbling in Kabbalah.

On the Web: [www.switchfoot.com](http://www.switchfoot.com)

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## YOUR MONEY

## It's hard to read 'yes' or 'no' in interview

Susie Besaw, from the book *"The Savvy Sailor's Spouse,"* is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband, Jake's, new command. Last week, Susie set up a job interview.

Jake was already in the shower when I woke up. I had butterflies in my stomach about the upcoming interview. Jake and I talked about my nervousness during breakfast. He even complimented me on my clothes to try to calm me down. Jake never notices what I wear.

I dropped Jake off for work at 7:30 a.m. and had an hour and a half to kill. I didn't want to drive home, so I grabbed a newspaper while I waited.

I arrived a few minutes early for my interview but ended up waiting for Mrs. Thompson. She met me at the exchange and

walked me to Mr. Mickey's office. Mr. Mickey was an older man with thinning, gray hair and glasses. He was sitting at his desk and looked up as I walked in.

"Good morning, Mrs. Besaw," he said, standing up to shake my hand. "Thank you for coming."

I nodded and thanked him for inviting me.

"I guess you already know we are considering you for the inventory computer job," he said.

I nodded again and said, "Yes, sir."

"Your résumé is good," he said. "I particularly am impressed by your efforts to earn a business degree and your previous retail experience."

I started to feel that fuzzy feeling. This interview was going to be a walk in the park.

Mr. Mickey continued, "But I

have three other applicants who want this job. Why should I consider hiring you? What do you think you can offer me that they can't?"

There goes that fuzzy feeling.

I spent the next 30 minutes answering questions about inventory management, computer troubleshooting techniques and retail scenarios. Mr. Mickey's questions were tough and he fired them at me in rapid succession. By the end of the interview, I felt totally drained.

"Thanks for coming in today, Mrs. Besaw. You've got some great skills and experience. I'll be meeting with three other candidates. We'll let you know either way in about a week. Good day."

I remember thinking: That wasn't much of an ending. Did I impress him? Do I have a chance?

"Thank you, sir," I replied. "I look forward to a call soon."



Ralph Nelson



Michael Phelps of the United States swims to a gold medal in the 400 meter individual medley at the Olympic Aquatic Centre during the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens on Aug. 14. Just minutes after the event, MSNBC sent a text message: "Michael Phelps wins gold in 400 individual medley and sets world record."

## Online Olympics coverage less than expected

BY ANICK JESDANUN  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Though NBC is blanketing seven networks with 1,210 hours of Olympics coverage, there's this pesky, bill-paying task called work that keeps me from fully enjoying the televised competition.

I figured the Web sites that cover the games might compensate.

How wrong I was. Even with the promise of video for the first time, the online coverage has been unsatisfying.

The Internet is good for getting results and learning the mechanics of obscure sports, but it fails to capture the full glory and personalities that make the Olympics so special.

Only through TV did I get a sense of history in the making as shotputters competed on the site of the ancient Olympics. There is no stadium; spectators watched from a grassy hill.

Let's I be considered a grump, let me first mention a few things I liked online:

NBC's Olympics site, NBC-Olympics.com, has real-time coverage of many events. That doesn't mean live video, but rather scores, stats and written play-by-play descriptions updated every 30 seconds or so. Checking in on the U.S. basketball, I learned Puerto Rico's Jose Ortiz had just made a basket as Angola led 66-63 with four seconds left in the third quarter (Puerto Rico went on to win

83-80).

■ The major sites have complete results, no matter how obscure the event or athlete's home country, though I long for an easier way to search for all finishers from, say, my parents' native Thailand.

■ Gone are the days when broadcasters avoided telling viewers the outcome in hopes they'll come back to watch during prime time.

Just minutes after a swimming event, my cell phone displayed a text message from MSNBC:

"Michael Phelps wins gold in 400 individual medley and sets world record."

■ NBC has good animation explaining the basics of each sport. ESPN.com has similar features, along with informative graph-

ics on venues and each nation competing.

At the sites I visited — NBC Olympics, ESPN, SportsLine, USA Today, BBC and the official Athens Games site — I found plenty of background on all sports and key athletes.

But American sites are too U.S.-centric in their ongoing coverage. It wasn't enough that Australian Ian Thorpe won the 200m freestyle in swimming; it was made clear Phelps "only" got a bronze.

The official Olympics site, at Athens2004.com, is best at giving all countries and all sports their due. But early in the week, the site lagged others in giving timely results and medal counts. It got better, but NBCOlympics.com was best.

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## Product review





Courtesy photo

Regis Philbin, right, is shown as Pfc. Robert Fleming, married fiancée April on "Live with Regis and Kelly" in February. The Guinness Book of World Records says Philbin, with 15,188 hours on air, is the most televised person in history.

## Philbin sets record as most televised man

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Regis Philbin has lived a lifetime on television. Logging 15,188 hours on the tube has yielded him fame, fortune — and now a place in the record books. Friday's broadcast of "Live With Regis and Kelly" gives the talk-show host the Guinness World Record for most hours on camera.

He passes broadcaster Hugh Downs for the record, as calculated by Guinness World Records researcher Stuart Claxton.

"Now it's all a big blur," Philbin told The Associated Press on Thursday as he looked back on his career that began as a San Diego news anchor in 1958. "When you look back, that's a lot of hours on TV."

Philbin, who will turn 73 next week, has hosted the syndicated "Live" in all 16 of its seasons — now with Kelly Ripa. In his 46-year career, he's hosted 15,188 hours of news and entertainment shows, as well as the ABC game show "Who Wants to Be a Super Millionaire."

## Pauley says she was treated for bipolar disorder

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jane Pauley, whose highly anticipated syndicated talk show debuts Aug. 30, reveals she was treated for bipolar disorder in her new memoir, "Skywriting: A Life Out of the Blue."

Pauley writes openly about the life-changing experience excerpted in the latest People magazine, saying it was triggered by a rare reaction to prescription drugs prescribed for a simple case of hives.

"If you didn't know me well, you might not have noticed anything strange. I was strange only for me," the former co-anchor of "Today" and "Dateline NBC" writes.

By the time she was hospitalized at New York Hospital in the spring of 2001, the bipolar condition (often called manic depression) was clear to Pauley. "My tides were fluctuating — back and forth — sometimes so fast they seemed to spinning."

Pauley says she's now free of mood swings thanks to her treatment and to lithium — and writing her memoir also has been cathartic.

"I had already decided that if only one good thing came out of this mess, it would be the opportunity to talk about the disease," writes Pauley.



Pauley

## AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at <http://my.afn.af.mil>

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(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Movie *** "Hey Arnold! The Movie" (2002) Voices of Spencer Klein	WWE Smackdown!	Headline News	NFL Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	Kingsley's Meadow Harvest: Greg Laurie	WWE Smackdown!
10:00 SpongeBob	Stargate SG-1	Chris Matthews Show	Chris Matthews Show	Music World	Stargate SG-1
10:30 Destinations	Headline News	Big Story Weekend Edition	King of the Hill	The Bernie Mac Show	ESPNNews
11:00 Ebert & Roeper	ESPNNews	Headline News	Everybody-Raymond	7th Heaven "There's No Place Like It"	7th Heaven "There's No Place Like It"
12:00 Headline News	Headline News	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Headline News
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**Q** Yancy Butler, former star of TV's "Witchblade," was arrested last year for drunk and disorderly conduct and allegedly punching her dad, Joe Butler of the Lovin' Spoonful. What has happened to her since? — Debra Gallagher, Davis, Fla.

**A** The husky-voiced actress, who began her career at age 6 in "Savage Weekend," entered rehab for alcohol addiction. She's out now, living in New York and looking for work. Yancy, 34, is a talented young woman who fell to the same demons as many other showbiz kids, including Drew Barrymore. We wish her a long and successful recovery.



Denise Richards

**Q** How much weight did Denise Richards gain before the birth of her daughter, Sam? How did she lose it? — Jeanine Fox, Dallas, Texas

**A** "I stopped weighing myself after I gained 10 pounds," says Richards, 33. "I've been losing it the old-fashioned way — with diet and exercise." On weekdays, the actress and

husband Charlie Sheen, 38, subscribe to the Zone Diet, but she "spurns" on weekends. "Her workouts with celeb trainer Ray Kybartas include lots of running."

**Q** I see that Jay Leno replaced "Tonight Show" announcer Edd Hall with John Meleendez. Was Edd forced out? — Doris B. Quinn, Bensalem, Pa.

**A** Nope. He left on his own steam. After a 12-year run with Leno (and 10 years before that with David Letterman), Hall, 45, decided to call it quits as an announcer and return to his roots as a comic actor. He's currently auditioning for a half-hour sitcom in which he will play a TV dad.

**Alex Rodriguez's \$252 million contract beats even wealthy Yankee teammate Derek Jeter's.**



**Q** My husband and his pal insist that the Yankees' Alex Rodriguez makes more money than his teammate Derek Jeter. I say Jeter makes more. Who's right? — Arline Bertuglia, Dix Hills, N.Y.

**A** Your husband and his friend. A-Rod has a 10-year contract worth \$252 million. Jeter's 10-year contract is worth "only" \$189 million.

**Q** "Titanic" director James Cameron has kept a low profile the past few years. What plans does he have for the future? — Roger Benabe, Groton, Conn.

**A** The King of the Box Office (Titanic grossed a record \$1.8 billion) is making an IMAX movie in 3D titled "Aliens of the Deep." After that, Cameron, who just turned 50, plans to direct a sci-fi epic that will be released in 3D (requiring special glasses) as well as a regular version. We're told he developed a passion for stereo imagery because "it's the best way to transfer people to new worlds and new environments."

**Q** Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair supported the invasion of Iraq, arguing that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. Since no such weapons have been found, what does he have to say for himself? — David Grunberg, New York, N.Y.

**A** He still believes Saddam posed an unacceptable danger to the world and had to be deposed. Like President Bush, the prime minister has been criticized for not apologizing publicly for faulty intelligence. But Blair did something that Bush has resisted: He said, "I accept full personal responsibility for the way the issue [the Iraq invasion] was presented and therefore for any errors made."

**Q** What happened to that talented Marine who finished fourth on "American Idol" last year? — Patty McCormack, Carmel, Calif.

**A** Lance Cpl. Josh Gracin, 23, is still on active duty at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and has a recording contract with Lyric Street.

His self-titled CD was released in June, and his single "I Want To Live" has climbed the charts. Josh is due to be honorably discharged next month.



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**Sigourney Weaver, known for her role in the "Alien" movies, stars in M. Night Shyamalan's latest thriller, "The Village." Plans for another "Alien" movie starring Weaver are not yet concrete.**

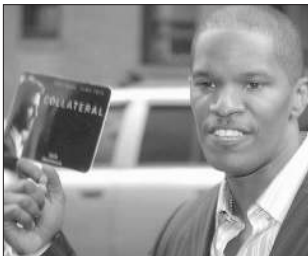
**Q** I heard that Sigourney Weaver is going to make a new "Alien" film. What is its status? — N. Ainley, Kewanee, Ill.

**A** It's just a speck on the development horizon. But Sigourney, 54, can be seen in M. Night Shyamalan's latest thriller, "The Village." And in December, she and Jeff Daniels will star as a grieving couple in the indie drama "Imaginary Heroes."

**Q** After Ray Charles died, I read conflicting reports on the number of children he fathered. What's the real count? — William Hughes, Bend, Ore.

**A** An even dozen. Incidentally, a war-and-all biopic of the blind singer and musician, starring Jamie Foxx, will premiere at the Toronto Film Festival next month. It opens on dates in the United States in October.

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**Actor Jamie Foxx arrives for the "Collateral" film premiere Aug. 4. Foxx will star as Ray Charles in an upcoming biopic about the late singer and musician.**

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# Players cameramen go home

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany — The 425 participants who completed the three-day DODDS-Europe summer football camp headed home Friday carrying a whole lot more than helmets, shoulder pads and sleeping bags.

"I learned a lot of basic skills of linemen," boasted senior Jacob Williamson said. "It was nice to get instruction from guys you can look up to — guys you really know what they're talking about."

Friday's final day of camp was highlighted by the selection of camp MVPs and the announcement of competitions that included the 40-yard dash, vertical leap, a bench-press contest, a punt-pass-and-kick event, a line-man's obstacle course, and an iron-man event.

A seven-on-seven team competition completed the session. It was won for the second straight year by Heidelberg, which sent 50 plays to the camp.

Camp MVPs were selected by position coaches, and those players went home with plaques.

"I learned a lot," said co-MVP linemen Tom Tate, a senior at London Central. The other MVP for linemen was Brandon Simmons of Heidelberg.

"I wasn't a very good offensive lineman last year, but this year I'll be able to help the team there," Tate said. "I learned so many different ways to block. I know what to do."

Learning was the main objective of camp, but it produced other benefits, according to Ramstein coach Glenn Porter.

"Conditioning is a big key," Porter said. "In just a few days, these guys will be in uniform, and we have to be sure they're in shape. This really helps."

The camp ran smoothly, according to co-director Eric Mead of Würzburg. Mead and Marcus George of Ansbach put in four months of planning.

"We're looking forward to doing it next year," Mead said.

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**London Central's Tom Tate (above) was voted the 2004 DODDS-Europe co-MVP linemen along with Heidelberg's Brandon Simmons.**

## DODDS camp champs

WÜRZBURG, Germany — Winners of individual competitions held during the three-day 2004 DODDS-Europe summer football camp for high school athletes that ended Friday (Owens division is juniors and seniors; junior division is freshmen and sophomores):

### Camp MVPs

(Selected by position coaches)  
Quarterbacks — T.J. Price (Heidelberg), J.D. Lindley (Patzsch),  
Running backs — Richard Rendon (SHAPE), David Kennedy (Patzsch),  
Receivers — Sal Mead (Würzburg),  
Defensive backs — Brian Greely (Ramstein), Robert Edwards (Wiesbaden),  
Line-men — Tom Tate (London Central), Brandon Simmons (Heidelberg),  
7-on-7 team champs — Heidelberg

### 40-yard dash

Seniors — James Eaters (Ansbach) 4.6  
Senior — Eric Groppe (Würzburg) 4.7  
Junior — Trice (Heidelberg) 4.7  
Junior — Scott Wiemeyer (Heidelberg) 4.8

### Vertical jump

Seniors — 11-foot-10 (Heidelberg) 32 inches,  
Junior — (linemen) — Ben West (Bamberg) 31 inches,  
Junior — (linebacker) — Nick Trice (Heidelberg) 28.5 inches,  
Junior — (linebacker) — Chris Battle (Bamberg) 28 inches

### Bench press

120 pounds — Logan Shahan (Heidelberg) 95 lbs., 12 reps  
115-124 pounds — Gary King (Würzburg) 115 lbs., 27 reps  
110-114 pounds — Walter Cullen (Würzburg) 115 lbs., 25 reps  
105-114 pounds — Eric Groppe (Würzburg) 115 lbs., 21 reps  
100-104 pounds — Jamal Mowley (Mannheim) 115 lbs., 12 reps  
95-104 pounds — Mike Ewing (Ansbach) 115 lbs., 26 reps  
90-94 pounds — Eric Groppe (Würzburg) 115 lbs., 13 reps

### Iron man

(Mile-run time less 1 second for each 50 yd. push-up and pull-up completed in one minute each)  
Seniors — Taurian Moore (Ansbach) 2:15  
Juniors — Aaron Ellison (Hannau) 3:21

### Punt, pass and kick

Seniors — Loren Seibel (Wiesbaden)  
Juniors — Raymond Miller (Bamberg) 3:00 (Würzburg)

### Line-man's obstacle course

190 pounds and heavier — Brandon Simmons (Wiesbaden), juniors,  
185 and lighter — Robert Edwards (Heidelberg), seniors; Logan Shahan (Heidelberg), juniors.

# Backlatter's injury snags Owens' coming-out party

## Eagles RB likely out for season with torn knee tendon

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Correll Buckhalter's injury overshadowed Terrell Owens' spectacular debut with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Owens caught an 81-yard touchdown pass from Donovan McNabb on Philadelphia's first play, and rookie J.R. Reed returned a kickoff 88 yards for a score, leading the Eagles over the Baltimore Ravens 26-17 in an exhibition game Friday night.

The victory was costly for Philadelphia, which lost Buckhalter after he tore the patella tendon in his right knee in the first quarter. Eagles coach Andy Reid said the "99 percent" sure running back will need surgery and miss the season.

"It's sad to see," Reid said. "Correll came in in great shape."

A fourth-year pro, Buckhalter started the 2002 season by leading the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in the team's first mini-camp. The Eagles were counting on Buckhalter and third-year pro Brian Westbrook to share the running duties after Duce Staley signed with Pittsburgh in the offseason.

"We're sad for us to swallow," Owens said.

Will Demps returned a lateral for a TD, and quarterback Korrell Stewart ran for a score for Baltimore.

"The only good thing about something like that is the learning you can get out of it," Ravens coach Brian Billick said.

While exhibition games usually attract little interest, most eyes focused on Owens and Ray Lewis, who exchanged verbal jabs after the four-time Pro Bowl receiver



Terrell Owens (81) caught an 81-yard touchdown pass on Philadelphia's first play from scrimmage on Friday night.

spurned the Ravens, forcing a trade to the Eagles after the San Francisco 49ers initially dealt him to Baltimore.

Upset by Owens' rejection, Lewis warned the outspoken receiver not to go across the middle. Owens responded by saying Lewis isn't the hardest hitter to play in the league.

The feud didn't live up to its hype as the players hardly crossed paths in one half.

"We did come together and I told him I loved him and he told me he loved me," Owens said. "Ray is my friend."

In their first game at home since losing their third straight NFC title game, the Eagles gave fans what they've been wanting to see for years — a big play from a receiver.

After the Ravens went three-and-out on their first possession, the Eagles took over after their 19. Owens blew past cornerback Gary Baxter, caught McNabb's pass and outran three defenders to the end zone, briefly slowing near the 10 to mockingly hold the ball out.

McNabb finished seven of 14 for 158 yards, one TD and one in-

terception. Owens had just the one catch.

Baltimore made it 10-10 when Ed Reed stepped in front of a pass intended for Owens, returning it 27 yards and lateralized to Demps, who ran the final 15 yards for the score.

Ravens quarterback Kyle Boller was 10 of 20 for 97 yards and one interception. Jamal Lewis ran for 39 yards on eight carries.

In other games on Friday:

**Falcons 27, Vikings 24:** Matt Schaub threw three touchdown passes in relief of Michael Vick to lead the host Falcons.

The rookie from Virginia completed 16 of 19 passes for 205 yards and no interceptions.

Daunte Culpepper and Gus Frenette had long TD passes for the Vikings (1-1), who had leads of 17-0 and 24-13 before the Falcons rallied behind Schaub and the rest of the reserves.

Randy Moss caught three passes for 89 yards for Minnesota, including a 67-yarder for a score.

Vick completed five of nine passes for 35 yards and ran three times for 18 yards.

**Jaguars 1, Bucs 6:** John Henderson set the tone for a dominating first half by intercepting a pass on the first play from scrimmage, and the host Jaguars overcame early mistakes on offense and special teams.

Quinn Gray threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to Matthew Hatchette and Rich Alexis ran 1 yard for a TD for Jacksonville, which missed three field goals and failed to take advantage of two turnovers deep in Bucs territory in the first quarter.

Tampa Bay, limited to 21 yards on 19 plays in the first half, was held without a first down until Chris Simms completed a 15-yard pass to Will Heller midway through the third quarter.

The second-year quarterback led two scoring drives in the last 25 minutes. Simms went 13 of 23 for 104 yards and ran four times for a team-high 22 yards.

# Source: McGehee demands to start

The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Running back Willis McGehee has asked the Buffalo Bills to trade him if he is not their starter on opening day, a source told The Associated Press on Friday.

McGehee's request was not issued as an ultimatum, but the player made clear he won't be happy backing up Travis Henry, said the source, who is close to McGehee, and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Bills spokesman Scott Bercholdt said, "There is no truth to that whatsoever."

Team president Tom Donahoe denied the report. "There's nothing to it," Donahoe said Friday. "Willis is making progress and is very happy. We have no intention of trading him. We need them both."

McGehee was not available for comment. McGehee's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, declined comment.

In his exhibition debut, McGehee had 13 carries for 58 yards, a 19-yard reception and a touchdown.

# Rison signs with CFL team

The Associated Press

MISSISSAUGA, Ontario — Former Pro Bowl receiver Andre Rison signed with the CFL's Toronto Argonauts on Saturday, less than two weeks after a U.S. judge ordered his arrest for failing to pay child support.

Rison, 37, spent 12 seasons in the NFL, his last in 2000. He agreed to join the Argonauts' practice roster and will practice with the team for the first time Sunday. He worked out for the team before being offered a contract.

"I think this is the best move I could have made for myself and my family," he said in a state-

ment released by the team. "I am here to play football."

A Georgia judge ordered his arrest for not paying \$107,350 in child support. The judge ruled Rison was in contempt of court and should be jailed for 20 days. She asked that other jurisdictions outside the state assist in the arrest. Rison didn't paid his \$3,500-a-month child-support payment for his 16- and 18-year-old children since August 2002, the order said.

Rison was suspended for four games in 2001 for a repeat "violation" of the league's substance abuse policy and has been out of football since then.

## Sports briefs

## Agassi, Hewitt reach Legg Mason semifinals

WASHINGTON — Andre Agassi continues to make quick work of the field in the Legg Mason tournament, beating Paul-Henri Mathieu 6-4, 6-4 on Friday to reach the tournament's semifinals for the seventh straight year.

The top seed and five-time champion had a far easier time than No. 2 Lleyton Hewitt, who advanced to his sixth semifinal of the season with a 6-3, 6-7 (7-5) victory over seventh-seeded Cyril Saulnier.

Hewitt will face fourth-seeded Robbie Kneipp. Agassi will play Gilles Muller.

## Top Texas recruit might be out for season

AUSTIN, Texas — Team doctors believe Texas wide receiver Jordan Shipley tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee during practice on Thursday.

Shipley set Texas high school career records for pass receptions (264), receiving yards (5,424) and touchdowns (73). His yardage and TD marks rank second nationally.

# Cink in the driver's seat at Firestone

## Leads Sabbatini, Woods by 3 in NEC

The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Stewart Cink threatened to turn the NEC Invitational into a runaway Saturday morning, making two birdies to start his long day at Firestone before Tiger Woods began closing the gap.

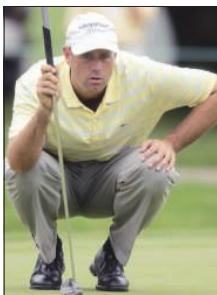
Cink, who ended with a 40-yard chip-in for birdie when heavy rain suspended the second round Friday, returned to hole a 25-foot birdie putt on the 11th and then stuffed his tee shot into 5 feet for another birdie on the 12th.

That gave him a five-shot lead, but a bogey from the bunker slowed him and he wound up with a 2-under 68.

Cink was at 9-under 131, and had a three-shot lead over Woods and Rory Sabbatini, who each shot a 70.

Woods, a three-time winner at Firestone South, finished off this rain delay much better this time.

He returned Friday morning to complete a bogey-bogey-bogey finish. On Saturday morning, he made three straight birdies and missed a chance for 5 feet.



Stewart Cink has taken only 50 putts through two rounds of the NEC Invitational.

"I wanted to make two birdies coming in and get a 5 (under), so that was a bonus," Woods said. "At least I'm still right there."

David Tomis was among 24 players who

finished the second round Friday afternoon just ahead of a downpour that made the venerable course unplayable, with puddles around the cup and small streams cutting through the fairway.

He had a 66 and wound up in a tie at 5-under 135 with Rod Pampling (67), British Open champion Todd Hamilton (67) and Davis Love III (68) were another stroke back.

Sunshine was in the forecast for the remainder of the weekend, and the World Golf Championship was expected to get back on schedule by the end of Saturday.

Cink was in good position to become only the fourth wire-to-wire winner at Firestone, and the first since Woods won by 11 shots in 2000.

One race that hasn't materialized is for No. 1. It looks like Woods will survive for at least another week.

The guys who have a chance to end his 262 consecutive weeks at No. 1 — Vijay Singh and Ernie Els — played as if they were stung over from a tough week in contention for the PGA Championship.

PGA champion Singh, who only needed to finish ahead of Woods here to become No. 1 for the first time in his career, twice missed par putts inside 3 feet and shot another 73 on Saturday. He was at 6-over 146.

Els, whose major championship season was filled only with heartache, made two

double bogeys on the back to complete his first round Friday morning at 72, shot 77 in the second round and was 9-over par.

Masters champion Phil Mickelson can't be No. 1 this week — probably not even this year. He shot 75 and was 5-over.

## Petterson ahead in Wendy's Championship

DUBLIN, Ohio — Playing through heavy showers on Friday, Suzann Petterson took a one-stroke lead in the Wendy's Championship for Children through two rounds.

More than an inch of rain pounded Tartan Fields Golf Club, suspending play for the second straight day.

Petterson, bogey-free through 36 holes, shot a second-round 68 and was at 9-under 135.

Defending champion Hee-Won Han and Reiley Rankin were one shot back. Also moving into contention were teenage amateurs Paula Creamer and Michelle Wie. Both were at a 2-under 142.

## Rookie Taylor leads Reno-Tahoe Open

RENO, Nev. — Rookie Vaughn Taylor birdied three holes down the stretch Friday to shoot a second straight bogey-free 67 and take the second-round lead in the rain-delayed Reno-Tahoe Open.

Taylor was at 10-under 134, two strokes ahead of hometown favorite Scott McCarron, Hunter Mahan and Joe Ogilvie.

# Rainout puts Johnson on pole

BY MIKE HARRIS

The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — It was only an offhand remark by Jimmie Johnson, but Robbie Loomis wasn't buying it.

After qualifying for the GFS Marketplace 400 at Michigan International Speedway was rained out Friday, Jeff Gordon's crew chief told Johnson that he deserved to be starting from the pole in Sunday's race as well as a week earlier at Watkins Glen International.

The grid was filled for both events mostly by car-owner points because of wet weather. Johnson told Loomis he really didn't earn the pole starts, but Loomis disagreed.

"You did earn this one," he told Johnson. "Twenty-seven weeks you've been one of the most consistent cars out there and have earned this spot in the points."

While Nextel Cup leader Johnson and series runner-up Gordon will start side-by-side in the front row of the 43-car field, just as they did at Watkins Glen, most of the focus Sunday will be several rows behind the Hendrick Motorsports teammates.

For the first time, only the top 10 drivers after the 26th race of the season — Sept. 11 in Richmond, Va. — will be eligible to race for the title over the final 10 events.

Barring the unexpected, the top five or six drivers in the standings have little to worry about, except trying to build momentum for the championship playoff.

But the drivers in positions eight through 15 in the standings, separated by only 16 points with only four races remaining until the Chase for the Cup begins, will be bunched up behind them for the start of Sunday's race.

"The farther out of the top 10 you are, the more risks you're going to take out there," Gordon said. "The guys who are six through 10 are just going to have to be solid and not do anything to hurt their situations."

Gordon said it's probably too early for any of them to take too many chances.

"The big risks will come with

one, maybe two races to go," the four-time series champion said. "As each race goes by, they'll get riskier and riskier."

Johnson isn't too concerned about what will happen Sunday, even with so many strong entries trying to solidify or improve their positions.

"I'm not really worried about overaggression by people," said Johnson, who leads Gordon by 40 points and is 426 ahead of eighth-place Kevin Harvick. "You need always to remember who you're racing, what situation you may be in and approach them and race them with that in mind."

"That's what this points system is set up to do, create better racing, some action and more things to talk about."

Johnson also noted that, with the same situation at Watkins Glen, the start of the race went off without a hitch.

"As far as us lining up on points, I think everybody I'm around, especially in the top 10, will be pretty calm and relaxed," he said. "We all know it's a long race and there's nothing to gain right away."

Starting in positions 11 and 12 will be rookie Kasey Kahne and defending champion Ryan Newman, who won here in June. Then it's Mark Martin, Dale Jarrett and Jamie McMurray. All five are within 99 points of Mayfield.

Jeff Burton, who won the Roush Racing after nine years because the team could not find a primary sponsor for his car, will start 28th in the No. 30 Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet previously driven by rookie Johnny Sauter and Dave Blaney.

Burton was replaced in the No. 99 Roush Ford by Carl Edwards, a regular in NASCAR's Craftsman Truck series. He'll start 23rd in his first Cup race.

## GFS Marketplace 400 lineup

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## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## U.S. boats in sailing's 470 class

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Americans Paul Foerster, 40, and Kevin Burnham, 47, won the first Olympic titles of their long careers Saturday, dominating their British rivals in a brilliant match race in the 470 class.

It was as thrilling as sailing gets, as Foerster and Burnham gained control over Nick Rogers and Joe Gianfield during pre-start maneuvers and never let up. The veterans followed the basic rule of match racing by keeping their boat between the younger British crew and each mark.

Rogers, 27, and Gianfield, 25, got the silver, and Kazuto Sakai and Kenjiro Todoroki of Japan got the bronze.

Burnham, normally pretty low-key, celebrated his gold medal by doing a backflip into the Saronic Gulf just after they crossed the finish line, leaving Foerster to control the 15-foot boat in the spectator fleet.

Foerster is in his fourth Olympics. He won the 470 silver in 2000 and the Flying Dutchman silver in 1992. Burnham, a three-time Olympian, won the silver in the 470 in 1992, crewing for Morgan Reeser. Burnham is the oldest member of the U.S. sailing team. He competed in every Olympic trials since 1980.

After Saturday Britain's Ben Ainslie completed a remarkable comeback from a protest lodged in race two weeks earlier to win the gold medal in the Finn class, Beke ended the reign of fellow Ethiopian Haile Gebrselassie with an Olympic record time of 27:08.19 on Friday.

In the women's 470, Natalia Vnukova and Sandra Azo of Spain took silver and Sweden's Therese Bengtsson and Zvezdana Zachrisson took bronze. The gold medal had already been clinched by Sofia Bekatorou and Amilia Tsoulfa of Greece.

In the Yngling class, Ruslana Taras Ganna Kalitina and Svitlana Matveyeva of Ukraine took the silver. The Danish crew of Dorthe Jensen, Helle Jespersen and Christina Borregaard Olsen took bronze. The gold already had been clinched by Britain's Shirley Robertson, Sarah Webb and Sarah Aynon on Thursday.

## Shooting

**Men's 25-meter rapid fire pistol:** Ralf Schumann of Germany shot 102.9 in the final round Saturday to win the gold medal.

Schumann and Russians Sergei Poliakov and Sergei Alifirenko were tied at 99.2 after the qualifying round, while their closest competitor was four points back.

In the final, in which points are measured in fractions and the highest possible score is 10.9, Schumann shot less than 10 only once in his 10 attempts.

Poljakov shot 100.7 in the final to finish with the silver, and Alifirenko shot 100.3 and won the bronze.

In rapid-fire pistol, competitors fire at five targets rapid succession. When the green light goes off, the shooter fires one shot at one target, then pivots to the next target, and continues until all five have been shot.

## Badminton

**Women's doubles:** China won the gold and silver medals Saturday, with top-seeded Zhang Jiewen and Yang Wei beating Huang Si and Gao Ling in the final match. The Chinese women were equal in their three-medal sweep in the Sydney Games. Ra Kyung-min and Lee Kyung-won of South Korea beat China's Zhao Tingting and Wei Yili 10-15, 15-9, 15-7 for the bronze medal.

Zhang and Yang rallied to get the gold medal 7-15, 15-4, 15-8, winning several long, entertaining rallies in the third game. The Chinese won 94 strokes over their opponents, while the Koreans put ahead 7-0. Huang and Gao got no closer than 7-11 and Zhang smashed the winning



**Kevin Burnham does a backflip off the boat after he and Paul Foerster of the U.S. win the gold medal in the men's double-handed 470 dinghy sailing event Saturday in Athens, Greece. It was the first Olympic medal for Burnham and Foerster.**

point with an overhead and hugged Yang.

## Track and field

**Men's 10,000 meters:** Kenenisa Bekele ended the reign of fellow Ethiopian Haile Gebrselassie with an Olympic record time of 27:08.19 on Friday. Gebrselassie, 31, and suffering from an Achilles tendon injury, had won the last two Olympic 10,000 races. He finished fifth.

## Weightlifting

**Women's 75+ kg:** Tang Gonghong of China broke world records in the clean and jerk and total lift for women's super-heavyweights Saturday while winning the gold medal.

Tang raised 402 pounds (182.5 kg) on her final attempt in the clean and jerk to break her record of 385 pounds (175 kg) set in April. She needed the record lift to overtake silver medalist Jang Mi-ran of South Korea.

Tang's total of 672 pounds (305 kg) also was a record, surpassing the 667 pounds (302.5 kg) she lifted in April.

**Women's 75 kg:** Pawina Thongsuk of Thailand, 11 pounds lighter than most of the other competitors, won the gold in the 165-pound (75kg) class.

Thongsuk and Natalia Zabolotina of Russia tied with world-record total weights of 601 pounds (272.5kg), but all ties are broken on body weight and this wasn't close. Thongsuk could have dropped less than a pound and competed Thursday at 152 pounds (69kg), while Zabolotina weighed slightly less than the 163-pound weight limit.

## Cycling

**Men's individual pursuit:** Britain's Bradley Wiggins won the gold medal Saturday, finishing the 4,000-meter final in 4:16.304.

Wiggins' time was 4:12.2 seconds ahead of Australia's Brad McGee, who settled for silver. Spain's Sergi Escobar, with a time of 4:17.947, defeated Britain's Rob Hayles for the bronze medal. Hayles also lost the bronze-medal race in Sydney four years ago to McGee.

Wiggins set the Olympic record of 4:15.165 in Friday's qualifying round. He led McGee by about 0.45 seconds midway through the 16-kilometer final — and pulled away steadily as the race went along.

**Men's team sprint:** Germany's Jens Fiedler, Rene Wolff and Stefan Nimke edged Japan for the gold medal Saturday

at the Olympic velodrome.

The Germans finished in 43.980 seconds. Japan's time for the three-lap race was 44.246 seconds.

Germany trailed the Japanese trio of Toshiaki Fushimi, Masaki Inoue and Tomohiro Nagatsuka by about one-tenth of a second after the opening lap, but Nimke and Wolff overcame the margin in the final two laps around the 250-meter oval.

It was Fiedler's third career gold medal. He also won individual sprint titles in 1992 at Barcelona and again four years later in Atlanta. Fiedler raced the first lap for the Germans in Saturday's final.

## Rowing

**Men's four:** Matthew Pinsent won his fourth gold medal Saturday after his boat edged Canada by 0.8 seconds — a finish that left the throng of Britons roaring and waving the Union Jack.

Both crews were forced to wait in their boats while officials reviewed a photo of the finish. When the scoreboard showed Britain first with a time of 6:06.98, Pinsent fell backward and threw up his arms, eyes closed as he basked in the cheers.

**Men's double scull:** Americans Aquil Abdullah and Navy Lt. jg. Henry Nizum ran out of surprises, finishing sixth in a rare seven-boat final. France won the medal, Slovenia took silver and Italy the bronze.

Abdullah, the first black Olympian on the men's team, and Nizum used a stunning comeback to finish in a dead heat with Norway for the third and last qualifying spot in Wednesday's semifinal, sending both boats to Saturday's final.

While they handily beat Norway on Saturday, they were 8.99 seconds behind Italy after the first 500 meters and never threatened the top boats.

**Women's single sculls:** German Katrin Rutschow-Stomporowski ended Ekaterina Karsten-Khodotvitsky's Olympic dominance, beating the two-time defending gold medalist by nearly four seconds.

Two-time defending world champion and Sydney silver medalist Rumayna Neykova of Bulgaria won bronze, coming in 4.98 seconds behind Rutschow-Stomporowski's winning time of 7 minutes, 18.12 seconds.

**Men's single sculls:** Norwegian Olaf Tufte followed up his victory in last year's world championships with an Olympic gold medal in a time of 6:49.30, more than two seconds ahead of Estonian Jueri Jaanson and Bulgaria's Ivo Yanakiev.

**Women's pair:** The Romanian tandem of Georgeta Damian and Viorica Susanu, coming off their victory in the World Cup, won the gold medal, finishing in 7:06.55, followed by Britain and Belarus.

**Men's pair:** Australians Drew Ginn and James Tomkins, the defending world champions, had a lead of more than two seconds going into the final 500 meters and no other crew could catch them. Croatia got silver, finishing 1.81 seconds behind the Australians' winning time of 6:30.76. South Africa took bronze.

**Women's double sculls:** No one could stay with two-time defending world champions Georgia and Carolin Evers-Swindell of New Zealand. The twin sisters had a lead of nearly 1.7 seconds after the first 500 meters and cruised to the finish, letting up on the final strokes to finish in 7:01.79. Germany won silver, and the British took bronze.

## Equestrian

**Team dressage:** Germany kept its run of equestrian gold medals intact Saturday.

Germany has won the team gold in every Olympics since 1976, except for the boycotted 1980 Games. It kept the streak going with an average team score of 74.653 percent. Spain was second at 72.917 percent, and the United States took the bronze at 71.5 percent.

The drama over who would win the silver ended early, when Beatrice Ferrel-Salat scored 74.542 on Beauvalais to clinch the spot.

Dressage is horsemanship's equivalent of gymnastics, performed in an enclosed arena with no jumps. The horse is guided through difficult steps and gaits by only slight gestures from the rider.

## Table tennis

**Men's doubles:** China is halfway to another Olympic sweep.

Ma Lin and Chen Qi won the gold medal in men's doubles Saturday, beating Lai Chao and Li Xiaohua of Hong Kong 11-6, 11-9, 7-11, 11-8, 8-11, 11-5.

Earlier, top-seeded Zhang Yining advanced to the final of the women's singles competition.

Zhang and Wang Nan won the women's doubles title on Friday.

The Chinese have won every Olympic table tennis gold medal since 1992, when Sweden's Jan-Ove Waldner won men's singles in Barcelona.

## Gymnastics

**Men's trampolines:** Yuri Nikitin of Ukraine won the gold on Saturday, topping five-time world champion Alexander Moskalenko of Russia, with 41.5 points.

## Archery

**Men's team:** South Korea beat Taiwan 251-245 Saturday to win the gold medal.

In Dong-hyun, Park Kyung-mo and Jang Yong-ho won South Korea's third archery gold of these Olympics. Ukraine beat the United States 257-243 to win the bronze. The Koreans also won three golds in 2000.

## Fencing

**Men's team foil:** In a two-time individual world champion Salvatore Sanzo survived a late charge by China's Dong Zhaozhi in the final bout Saturday to give Italy a 45-42 victory and the gold medal.

## Tennis

**Women's singles:** In a No. 1 vs. No. 2 rank final that wasn't really close, top-ranked Jennifer Hearn-Hendren overwhelmed France's Amel Begovic 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday night to win Belgium's first gold of these Olympics.

## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## Hamm's gold won as result of scoring error

Federation rules South Korean should have won men's all-around

BY EDDIE PELLIS

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Paul Hamm's gold medal has lost its luster.

A scoring mistake in the all-around gymnastics final cost Yang Tae-young the gold that ended up going to Hamm, the International Gymnastics Federation ruled Saturday. The South Korean got the bronze instead.

Three judges were suspended, but the results will not be changed, the federation said. The South Korean Olympic team will ask the Court of Arbitration for Sport to determine if Yang deserves a gold medal.

"We want obvious mistakes to be corrected," said Jae Son-yoo, an official with the South Korean delegation.

The error Wednesday cost Yang a tenth of a point on his parallel bars score that made the difference between third and first.

South Korea failed to lodge a protest during the event, so the scoring was not changed, said the federation, known as FIG. The South Koreans, however, said they did question the scoring as soon as the routine was over and were told by the judges to file a protest letter after the meet, Jae said.

If the mistake hadn't been made, Hamm would have won the silver and South Korea's Kim Dae-eun would have received the bronze instead of silver.

USA Gymnastics President Bob Colaninzi compared the mistake to a bad call in football that

wasn't discovered until after the game.

He insisted the decision by gymnastics' governing body should not put an asterisk on Hamm's gold medal.

Hamm scored 9.837 on parallel bars and high bar to close the meet, rallying from 12th place to first and becoming the first American man to win the event.

"Paul Hamm's performance the other night was absolutely incredible," Colaninzi said. "It's unfortunate the judges didn't have the right start value."

A start value is based on the difficulty of the routine. Yang received a start value of 9.9 on parallel bars, a tenth lower than he got for the same routine in team qualifying and finals.

After reviewing a tape of the

all-around, federation officials determined Yang should have been awarded a start value of 1.0. With the extra 0.10, he would have finished with 57.874 points and defeated Hamm by 0.051.

Matthieu Reeb, general secretary of CAS, talked to the South Korean team about an appeal and expected it to be filed by Sunday.

Still, he said it was unclear whether the court would hear the case.

"Our regular practice is that field-of-play decisions cannot be reviewed by CAS," Reeb said. "We'll see if the Korean delegation has other legal arguments to submit to the court. We haven't had a similar case involving a problem of judging or scoring."

Hamm, practicing Saturday for event finals, was not available for comment.

## Splash: U.S. women upset in 400 medley relay

SPLOSH, FROM BACK PAGE

Japan won the bronze, its first medal in the event since 1960.

Phelps watched the race from a front-row seat on the pool deck. He led the American contingent in cheers, pounded the side of an "Athens 2004" sign and screamed "Go Jason!" as Jason Lezak completed the rout, easily retaining the lead built up by Aaron Peirsol, Brendan Hansen and Crocker.

When the scoreboard flashed "WR" for world record, Phelps threw up his arms to celebrate and exchanged high-fives with his teammates in the stands. After the medal ceremony, Phelps and Crocker hugged each other.

Phelps' eight medals tied Soviet gymnast Aleksandr Dityatin's record in the boycotted 1980 Moscow Games.

Thompson's 12th medal made her the most decorated U.S. Olympian, breaking a tie with swimmers Mark Spitz and Matt Biondi and shooter Carl Osburn. But the record seemed rather empty for the 34-year-old Olympian.

Thompson couldn't hold on in the fly when given a lead by Natalie Coughlin (backstroke) and Amanda Besser (buststroke), who covered the first 200 under world-record pace.

Petria Thomas was more than twice as fast than Thompson, giving Australia a half-second lead, and Kara Lynn Joyce had no chance of catching world leader Jodie Henry in the freestyle.

The Aussies, who also used Gaaen Rooney and Leisel Jones, took the gold with a world record of 3:57.32, breaking the mark of 3:58.30 set the United States in the 2000 Sydney Games. This time, the Americans settled for silver in 3:59.12, with Germany taking the bronze.

The United States had won the medley relay for three consecutive Olympics, and eight of the previous 11 times in the Games. Thompson anchored victories in 1992 and 2000.

But this Olympics — the fourth and final one for Thompson — certainly won't be remembered as one of her best. She was overtaken by Henry on the anchor leg of the 400 free relay, relegating the United States to another silver. Thompson was fifth and seventh in her two individual events, which means she'll end her career without a gold of her own.

Ten of her medals came in relays, including eight golds. Her only individual medals were a silver from Barcelona and a bronze in Sydney four years ago.

In other races on the final night of swimming, Inge de Bruijn of the Netherlands defended her title in the 50 freestyle with her first gold of the Athens Games.

Another Olympic title also was successfully defended: Grant Hackett won his second straight 1,500 freestyle, continuing Australia's domination of the longest race in swimming.

## Germany loses three-day equestrian gold on appeal

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — France was awarded the gold medal in the three-day equestrian team event and Britain's Leslie Law got the individual gold over three countries won a joint appeal against an earlier decision that awarded the victories to Germany.

The ruling Saturday by the Court of Arbitration for Sport means Germany drops to fourth in the team event while Britain gets silver and the United States takes the bronze.

Since the team event was also a qualifier for the individual medals, the decision stripped Bettina Hoy of her gold medal, giving it to

Law. American Kim Severson moved up to silver from bronze and Pippa Funnell of Britain took third.

"We have to accept that decision, but it's too much to take," Reinhard Wendt, the leader of Germany's equestrian team, said.

In an official statement, CAS said it decided that the judges' decision to impose a time penalty on Hoy "was of a purely factual nature, falling within its exclusive jurisdiction."

CAS said the judges' decision shouldn't have been reversed by the International Equestrian Federation.

eration because the body had no right to do so. The decision cannot be appealed.

Initially, the judges gave Germany the gold and France the silver, while Britain took bronze.

The same officials, concerned that Hoy might have crossed the start line twice on the show-jumping course, docked Germany 14 points, dropping it from first to fourth with 147.8 points, a decision that lifted the U.S. to third.

Germany then lodged a protest and a equestrian appeals committee reversed the judges' decision — and the Germans reclaimed their gold. Again, France was awarded the silver and Britain the bronze. The United States

was left empty-handed.

The appeal by the three countries to CAS challenged whether the equestrian appeal committee had the jurisdiction to overturn the judges' decision.

**Crow's appeal of vehicular manslaughter conviction denied**

SONORA, Calif. — A panel of judges has denied an appeal by U.S. Olympic synchronized swimmer Tammy Crow of her conviction on two misdemeanor counts of vehicular manslaughter.

Crow, 27, pleaded no contest in January to the charges and was sentenced to 90 days in jail. The judge agreed to postpone her sentence until after the Olympics.

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# Beltre gives Dodgers a lift vs. Atlanta

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Adrian Beltre is carrying the Los Angeles Dodgers with one clutch homer after another.

On the biggest night of his breakout season, Beltre hit a tying home run in the ninth inning off Atlanta closer John Smoltz and a game-winning shot in the 11th to give Los Angeles a 3-2 victory over the Braves on Friday night.

The multitalented third baseman took over the major league lead with 38 home runs.

"There was one guy on that field that was going to beat us," Atlanta slugger Chipper Jones said. "Adrian Beltre right now gets my vote for MVP. I mean, that team would not be in first place without him."

Beltre also had an RBI double in the fourth and is batting .330 with a career-high 87 RBIs.

"Everything is going his way," Dodgers pitcher Jose Lima said. "A lot of people tried to give up on him during his career, but now he's proving himself. He's made a lot at home plate. I have a lot of respect for the man because he's played here all year and he hasn't made any excuses."

Beltre drove a 2-2 pitch from Juan Cruz (4-1) into the left-field pavilion with one out in the 11th, capping his second two-homer game in two nights and snapping the Dodgers' two-game losing streak.

"It feels good, but it's not my main thing. My main thing is to help this team get to the playoffs," Beltre said. "After those last two losses, we really needed this one."

Giovanni Carrara (3-0) pitched two scoreless innings, evening the four-game series between NL division leaders 1-1. All-Star closer Eric Gagne allowed an RBI single by Adam LaRoche that put the Braves ahead 2-1 with one out in the ninth. "I've been trading home runs for my mechanics, just a couple of things I have to tune up a little bit," Gagne said.

Lima and Atlanta starter John Thomson each allowed one run.

"We outpitched them, we outhit them and played good defense. Unfortunately, we made too many mistakes to Adrian Beltre," Jones said.

"It's amazing what happens when a player realizes that there's another half of the



Los Angeles Dodgers second baseman Alex Cruz jumps over Atlanta Braves baserunner Chipper Jones while completing a double play in the fourth inning of Friday night's game.

field, Adrian used to be like that. He used to be strictly the middle and pull guy, but now he's realizing that there's a nice big field over there in right and he's utilizing it."

**Cubs 9, Astros 2:** Sammy Sosa and Nomar Garciaparra each hit one of Chicago's season-high six homers and Glendon Rusch (6-1) pitched seven innings to end

host Houston's four-game winning streak.

Mark Grudzenek homered twice and Moises Alou and Corey Patterson each had two-run shots.

**Giants 7, Mets 3:** At San Francisco, Pedro Felix homered twice, Edgaro Alfonzo connected off Steve Trachsel (10-10) and the Giants snapped a seven-game losing streak against visiting New York.

Rookie Noah Lowry (3-0) had a career-high 10 strikeouts and won his third straight decision. Barry Bonds went 3-for-4 with a double to help San Francisco maintain a half-game lead over Chicago in the wild-card race.

**Padres 6, Marlins 1:** At San Diego, Brian Lawrence (12-10) pitched a five-hitter to match his career high for victories and Ramon Hernandez hit a three-run homer. NL hit leader Mark Loretta homered off Dontrelle Willis (9-9) and scored three runs.

**Cardinals 5-5, Pirates 4-3:** Scott Rolen became the third St. Louis player to hit 30 homers this season and Chris Carpenter (13-5) reached a career high for victories as host St. Louis completed a day-night doubleheader sweep.

In the opener, Dan Haren (2-2) allowed three hits in 6 1/3 innings, then was optioned to the minors. St. Louis swept a doubleheader for the first time since Aug. 31, 2002, at Chicago and has won 13 of 17 games over all.

Rolen, Albert Pujols (37) and Jim Edmonds (31) give the Cardinals three players with 30 homers in a season for the first time. Jason Iringhausen saved both games, giving him a career-high 35.

**Reds 2, Diamondbacks 0:** Randy Johnson (12-11) struck out 14 for the second straight game and joined Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan (215) as the only pitchers to reach double digits 200 times, yet still wound up with a loss.

Visiting Cincinnati scored an unearned run in the first inning and Barry Larkin's RBI single made it 2-0 in the eighth. Luke Hudson (1-1) won his second career start.

**Phillies 4, Brewers 2:** Jim Thome and Bobby Abreu homered and Eric Milton (13-2) pitched seven innings to end visiting Philadelphia's seven-game losing streak.

**Expos 4, Rockies 3:** Tony Batista hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning and three RBIs for visiting Montreal, which overcame a scary injury to first baseman Nick Johnson.

Clayton Kershaw's shot took an odd bounce and hit Johnson in the face. He lay on the field for about 10 minutes before being rolled over, then was strapped to a stretcher and carted off the field about five minutes later. He remained conscious and was taken to a hospital for X-rays.

# Boston inching back into AL East race with Yanks

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — After struggling for three months, the Boston Red Sox are getting hot.

Curt Schilling allowed three hits in seven shutout innings for his 15th victory and Manny Ramirez hit a grand slam to lead Boston over the Chicago White Sox 10-1 Friday night. "I don't care about a grand slam, I care about winning," Ramirez said. "I know I'm a blessed player, a special player. Everything that I've done, I'm just happy."

Orlando Cabrera homered and drove in four runs. Boston, which has won four straight and 10 of 13, remained tied with Texas for the AL wild-card lead and moved within 7 1/2 games of first-place New York in the East. The closest Boston has been since July 30.

Schilling (15-6) walked none and struck out five in a 7-pitch outing. He appeared on the way to his first shutout since joining the Red Sox, but wanted to save some energy for the stretch run.

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"This is probably the first time in my career where I came out of a game like that," Schilling said. "I'm staying out there for one reason and that's to throw a shutout and right now that means nothing."

Ramirez's 31st homer was the 16th slam of his career, tying Robin Ventura of the Los Angeles Dodgers for the most among active players. Mark Buehrle (11-7) allowed six runs in the first two innings.

**Athletics 9, Devil Rays 5:** Eric Chavez homered twice and Bobby Crosby went 3-for-5 with a homer to break out of a 3-for-40 slump as AL West-leading Oakland won its fourth straight and maintained a half-game lead over Texas and a 1 1/2-game margin over Anaheim. Adam Melhuse also homered for the visiting A's,

who have 11 homers in the past three games.

Rich Harden (8-5) won his fifth straight decision, giving up five runs and seven hits in 5 1/3 innings. Octavio Dotel got the last out for his 13th save.

Jorge Sosa (3-3) lost his third straight start, allowing six runs and seven hits in 5 1/3 innings.

**Rangers 5, Royals 3:** David Delucci hit two solo homers and Kevin Mench had a three-run drive as visiting Texas won its seventh straight.

Ryan Drees (11-6) won his fourth straight decision, allowing three runs and five hits in seven-plus innings. Francisco Cordero got three outs for his 38th save.

Rookie Mike Wood (2-5) and Jaime Cerda combined on a four-hitter. Wood gave up five runs and four hits — three of them homers — in 7 1/3 innings.

**Angels 5, Yankees 0:** Ramon Ortiz (4-7) allowed four hits in eight innings to win for the first

time in seven starts since June 19 as the visiting Angels got homers from Adam Kennedy and Garrett Anderson. The Angels won their third straight and remained 1 1/2 games behind Oakland.

Jon Lieber (9-8) gave up three runs — two earned — and 11 hits in 6 1/3 innings as New York lost for the fourth time in five games.

Right after left fielder Hideki Matsui misplayed a fly ball in the seventh inning, the power on the scoreboards went out and the public-address and sound effects system went silent. But the stadium lights stayed on, and the game continued without a delay.

**Twins 5, Indians 1:** Kyle Lohse (6-10) pitched three-hit ball for seven innings and Corey Koskie homered for Minnesota. The host Twins, whose AL Central lead was cut to one game by the Indians last Saturday, opened a five-game margin over the second-place Indians, who have lost five straight.

Jake Westbrook (11-6) gave up five runs and eight hits in 6 1/3 in-

nings, losing for the first time since July 15.

**Tigers 8, Mariners 3:** Craig Monroe went 4-for-5 with a tiebreaking homer at Detroit and Nate Freese (4-4) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings.

Ichiro Suzuki was back in the lineup after leaving Wednesday night's game against Kansas City when he was hit in the head by a pitch. He went 3-for-4.

Ron Venable (4-4) allowed five runs — four earned — and eight hits in six innings.

**Blue Jays 14, Orioles 4:** Chris Woodward hit his first career grand slam and Orlando Hudson had three hits as visiting Toronto stopped a four-game road losing streak. Eric Hinske also homered for Toronto and the Blue Jays 3-8 under interim manager John Gibbons.

Javy Lopez, David Newhan and Melvin Mora homered for Baltimore, which has lost four in a row, all at home by a combined score of 33-9.

# Kennedy, Kendall suspended for fighting

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Colorado Rockies pitcher Joe Kennedy was suspended Friday for five games and Pittsburgh Pirates catcher Jason Kendall four for their parts in a bench-clearing brawl Sunday.

Both were also fined an undisclosed amount.

Kennedy declined to comment Friday, but Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said the left-hander



appealed the suspension. Kendall said he also appealed.

The brawl started when Kennedy hit Kendall with a pitch and, after an exchange of words, Kendall rushed the mound. After a brief wrestling match that brought players out of both dug-

outs and bullpens, order was restored.

## Mets' McEwing out for season

SAN FRANCISCO — New York Mets infielder Joe McEwing is out for the season after breaking a bone in his left leg.

McEwing was placed on the 60-day disabled list Friday, a day after getting hurt in the second game of a doubleheader at Colorado. McEwing has a broken fibu-

la and was told it would take 6-8 weeks to heal.

McEwing was hitting .254 with one homer and 16 RBIs in 75 games.

## Clemens to start Monday

HOUSTON — Houston pitcher Roger Clemens, nursing a strained right calf muscle, anticipates being able to start Monday against Philadelphia.

"I don't plan on doing any seri-

ous running until I go out to the mound on Monday," Clemens said after a bullpen session Friday.

Clemens left in the fourth inning Wednesday against Philadelphia while running to first base after lining a two-run single to right field.

The six-time Cy Young Award winner is 12-4 with a 2.94 ERA.

## Rose owes IRS \$1 million

PLANTATION, Fla. — Pete Rose owes almost \$1 million in back federal taxes, but is making monthly payments on the debt, his representative said Friday.

The Internal Revenue Service filed a federal tax lien in Broward County on Tuesday alleging that baseball's career hits leader owes \$973,653.28 in back taxes from 1997 to 2002.

Ross Tannenbaum, president of Dreams Inc., the marketing firm that handles Rose's business affairs, said Friday that the lien is against a home Rose owns in California. He said the filing is not an indication that the former Cincinnati Reds star and manager is in danger of returning to prison over his taxes.

Rose, 63, served a five-month sentence in 1990 and 1991 for filing false tax returns.

## City inspecting Wrigley

CHICAGO — The city of Chicago has hired an independent company to inspect Wrigley Field after threatening to cancel Monday night's home game against Milwaukee if the Cubs can't prove the 90-year-old ballpark is safe.

Construction Technology Laboratories will evaluate the ballpark and verify that repairs made in 2001 were completed correctly, Buildings Commissioner Stan Kaderbek said Friday.

The team has said it would comply with the city's request for a new review. The Cubs conducted full inspections of the upper deck and mezzanine levels in July.

"We will continue to respond to these new questions from the city," the Cubs said in a statement released Friday. "If the city chooses to make further inspections, it will find what two structural engineers have already found: Wrigley Field is safe and sound."

Pieces of concrete have fallen from Wrigley's upper deck at least three times since June, causing stadium officials to install protective netting.

## Red Sox activate Bellhorn

CHICAGO — Boston Red Sox infielder Mark Bellhorn was activated from the disabled list Friday and he joined the team in Chicago for the start of a six-game road trip.

Bellhorn broke his left thumb Aug. 1 when he was hit by a pitch from Minnesota Twins closer Joe Nathan.

Bellhorn, in his first season since 2001, is batting .256 with 13 home runs and 56 RBIs in 98 games. He played two games in a rehabilitation stint with Pawtucket of the International League.

To make room on the roster for Bellhorn, the Red Sox optioned infielder Earl Snyder to Pawtucket. Snyder was called up Tuesday when third baseman Kevin Youkilis was placed on the 15-day disabled list.



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# Last big splash

Phelps wins record 8th medal of Games without getting wet; U.S. sets world record in 400 relay on final day of swimming

BY PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Michael Phelps had a front-row seat at the pool, and made Olympic history without ever getting wet.

Decked out in a white shirt, khaki shorts and flip-flops, Phelps led cheers and waved an American flag while his teammates did all the work in the 400-meter individual medley Saturday night.

When they won with a world-record time, Phelps got a gold, too — his record-tying eighth medal of the Athens Games.

"Wow," said Phelps, who earned his gold by swimming in the preliminaries. "I did something no one's ever done in the sport of swimming before."

Jenny Thompson had to swim for her spot in the Olympic record book, but it was another forgettable performance.

Looking her age, the 31-year-old Thompson lost the lead in the women's medley relay but still got a silver — the 12th medal of her career, more than any other U.S. Olympian.

On the men's side, Phelps earned a spot in the medley final by winning the 100 butterfly Friday night. But he ceded his place to silver medalist Ian Crocker, wanting to give his teammate a chance to win his first gold medal of these Games.

The United States has never lost an Olympic medley relay, and it didn't really matter who swam the fly — Phelps or Crocker. The Americans dominated the race, setting a world record of 3 minutes, 30.68 seconds, nearly three seconds ahead of runner-up Germany.



The United States' Aaron Peirsol reacts after swimming the backstroke leg of the 400-meter medley relay at the Olympic Aquatic Centre on Saturday. The United States won the gold in a world record time of 3:30.68.

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## Medal count

Leaders after 131 medal events in the 2004 Olympics on Saturday, Aug. 21:

Country	G	S	B	Total
United States	19	15	12	46
China	18	12	10	40
Russia	5	13	31	31
Australia	11	6	9	26
Germany	7	7	11	25
Japan	12	5	5	22
France	7	5	7	19
South Korea	5	10	4	19
Britain	6	6	18	16
Italy	5	6	5	16



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